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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0426-15

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please provide me with copies of correspondence between the Foreign Office and representatives/spokespeople of the British Parliamentary Committee for Iran Freedom. My request is backdated to January 2014.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you. Some of the information you have requested is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

Some of the information we hold which is relevant to your request is, in our view, already reasonably accessible to the applicant. Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to the applicant. PQ answers on this subject are available to view at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-questions-answers/>.

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Yours sincerely,

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