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### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – BINYAM MOHAMED**

Thank you your email of 7 April 2009 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Specifically you asked for:

- A request for only the letter (or other device of communication);
- A request for all the enclosures, appendices and schedules to the letter.

We have considered your request and we can confirm that we hold some of the information requested and for ease of reference we will answer your questions in the order that you asked them. Therefore please note the following:

- Please see attached text of the letter written by the Attorney General to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police;
- The only attachment was a copy of the Written Ministerial Statement made to Parliament which you have already seen.

The release of the text of this letter should not be taken as an indication that any other body may be in a position to release the other material.

If you believe that any of the decisions made in relation to your requests to us are incorrect, you may ask for an internal review. You should address a request for an internal review to Jonathan Jones, Director General, to 20 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0NF or alternatively you can send an email to [foi@attorneygeneral.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@attorneygeneral.gsi.gov.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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If you have any further queries about this matter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Strevens', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**TIM STREVENS**  
Freedom of Information Officer

"Letter from AG to Commissioner of Metropolitan Police

BINYAM MOHAMED

On 23 October the Home Secretary referred to me papers relating to allegations of possible criminal wrongdoing in relation to Binyam Mohamed, in order for me to consider whether further action should be taken. I undertook a preliminary review of the matter and sought the views of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The Director has considered the papers, as have lawyers in Counter-Terrorism Division which has responsibility for the matter within the CPS. I have had the opportunity to discuss it with them. I have concluded that the appropriate course of action is to invite you to commence an investigation into the allegations that have been made.

The CPS hold copies of the relevant papers and will make these available to you. As you will appreciate some of the material in this case is extremely sensitive and special arrangements will need to be made for handling it. You will no doubt wish to seek the advice of the Director and Counter-Terrorism Division in relation to the investigation, particularly as to what may constitute reasonable lines of inquiry as well as the difficult legal issues which arise.

I hope that the investigation will be taken forward as expeditiously as possible given the seriousness and sensitivity of the issues involved.

I will be informing Parliament and the public tomorrow that I have taken this step, and enclose the text of my proposed statement. In advance of that I will be notifying only the Home Secretary, other closely interested government departments and lawyers for Mr Mohamed.

I am copying this letter to the Director of Public Prosecutions."