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By Email

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Ref: 13133

Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your e-mail of 13/10/09, in which you request emails/letters issued by the UKBA or UK Visas about members of the Westbro Baptist Church who were refused entry to the UK. You have also asked for paperwork on these individuals connected with the penalties incurred by the airline carrier under the Carrier's Liability Act. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I apologise the delay in responding to you.

The general policy of the Home Office is not to disclose, to a third party, personal information about another person. This is because we have obligations under the Data Protection Act and in law generally to protect this information. Your request for personal information has been considered in line with our obligations under the Freedom of Information (FoI) Act. However, we have concluded that the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FoI Act. This exempts personal data if disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 13133. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

The Deputy Director
UK Border Agency
Freedom of Information Team
11th Floor
Lunar House
40 Wellesley Road
Croydon CR9 2BY
e-mail: Freedom.Informationteam@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

FOI Caseworker
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Yours sincerely

[Signature of staff member]

[Insert full name of UKBA staff member dealing with request]

[Region/Directorate]

Cc [Name]