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Dear Mr Bainbridge

Thank you for your email of 30 April requesting information concerning telephone conversations between the Prime Minister and the President of the United States of America from 1 December 2005 to 20 January 2009.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Prime Minister's Office may hold information in relation to your request. However, at this stage we estimate that the cost of complying with your request as it is would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for Central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether we hold the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further as it stands.

If you were to refine your request, for example to a shorter period of time, it may be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

Yours sincerely

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Mr S Bainbridge



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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

You should contact:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

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

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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