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Dear Mr Faghurudeen

Freedom of Information request (our ref. 13002): internal review

Thank you for your e-mail of 08 November 2009 in which you asked for an internal review of our response to your Freedom of Information (FoI) request about the use of DNA testing in applications for British Overseas Citizens Passports..

I have now completed the review. I have examined all the relevant papers, including the information that was withheld from you, and have consulted the policy unit which provided the original response. I have considered whether the correct procedures were followed and assessed the reasons why information was withheld from you. I confirm that I was not involved in the initial handling of your request.

My findings are set out in the attached report. My main conclusion is that the original response was correct, in stating that the UK Border Agency did not hold the information that you requested and advising you to contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Unfortunately, your original request was dealt with as a general enquiry rather than as a request under the FoI Act. However, I have fully reviewed the response to ensure UKBA complied with their obligations under the FoI Act, when considering your request for information.

This completes the internal review process by the Home Office. If you remain dissatisfied with the response to your FoI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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