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Peter John
via "What Do They Know"

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Dear Mr John

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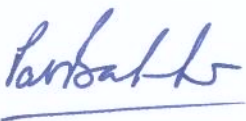
Further to my letters to you of 27 January and 8 February 2010, I am writing to you to inform you that it has not proved possible to get a reply to you by Monday 15 February as I indicated I was trying to achieve.

Consequently, I am obliged to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request needs to be extended further. I am sorry that this is necessary but as explained in my letter of 8 February, I am obliged to give all the parties affected by the request, as reasonable timescale as possible to respond to any proposed release of documents.

I hope to be able to send you a reply by 28 February 2010. Please accept my sincere apologies for this further delay.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. It would greatly aid matters if you would quote the above reference numbers in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Balchin