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Ms Daniela Drysdale

Our Reference: FOI259926

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10th November 2008

Dear Ms Drysdale,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I refer to your request under the above legislation for any communications held by the Cabinet Office relating to the subject of the FV Gaul Re-opened Formal Investigation of 2004 and on how to deal with its aftermath.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

However, you may or may not be aware of two files which cover the original 1974 inquiry into the sinking of the FV Gaul held at the National Archives which are open to public access;

- PREM 16/31 – DISASTERS. Disappearance of the Hull Trawler 'Gaul': Prime Minister's meeting with Hull MP's on 1 May 1974
- FCO 76/1157 – Loss of 'Gaul' trawler in North Sea, Feb 1975

You can obtain further details of how to access these files by following this website link <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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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 your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hunt', written in a cursive style.

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