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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Certificate under sections 34(3) and 36(7)

This certificate relates to a request to the House of Lords for the following:

Records and documents relating to any discussions by House of Lords' staff concerning procedures to be followed in the event of a police service requesting access to search a Member's office, to seize material belonging to a Member, to arrest a Member in the premises of the Palace of Westminster or to perform any other police business in the Palace which has a connection with or targets a Member of the House of Lords.

As respects some of those records and documents, I certify that exemption from section 1(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is required for the purpose of avoiding an infringement of the privileges of the House of Lords.

As respects the remainder of those records and documents, in so far as not disclosed in response to this request, I certify that in my reasonable opinion compliance with section 1(1)(b) of that Act would be likely to inhibit the free and frank provision of advice and thereby prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Pownall'.

MICHAEL POWNALL
Clerk of the Parliaments

5 February 2009