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Mr Jones request-6614-85a75c06@whatdotheyknow.com (by email only)

Dear Mr Jones,

REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2010. You asked for an internal review of our handling of your request for information. In your request you asked for information concerning Tony Blair's response to Sir Callum McCarthy's letter dated 31 May 2005.

I am sorry that we have taken so long to reply to your requests and I do appreciate your frustration at this delay. The difficulty, which I hope you will understand, is that the subject of the information within the scope of your requests remains sensitive and it has taken some time for us to consult all those who need to be involved before we could come to a decision on whether the information is suitable for disclosure. I am pleased to say our consultations have almost concluded. I hope you will receive a reply to your request very shortly.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request for information you, have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely, Zora Smart Sue GRAY



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