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Dear Mr Anderson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 165-09-082

I write in connection with your request for information received on 4th February
I have repeated your questions below for ease of reference.

As of the 4th of December 2008

Q1. How many DNA and fingerprint samples of innocent people have deleted?

A1. There have been **10** deletions during 2008

Q2. How many innocent people requested their DNA and fingerprint samples to be deleted?

A2. During 2008 there were **25** requests for removals of which **10** were agreed. The remainders are either ongoing, were rejected, or were asked for further information which as yet has not been forthcoming.

Q3. If no DNA and fingerprint samples have been deleted i wish to know the reasons WHY as the UK Government have been found to be in breach of innocent peoples human rights and this would be considered a crime in itself.

A3. N/A - we have agreed to deletions as above in A1&2. Also see A4 below

Q4. As there is no right of appeal from a final decision made by the Grand Chamber when will your police force be routinely be deleting records of innocent people?

A4. All chief officers have been sent two documents regarding deleting records. I have attached copies for your information

Contact details and operational details have been redacted from the enclosed documents to prevent the relevant operational teams from being inundated with contact from individuals which would cause disruption to the operation, therefore prejudicing effective law enforcement. This is not in the public interest. **Section 31(1)(a)(b)(c) Law Enforcement exemption is therefore engaged.**

Surrey Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. How to do this is set out in the attached Appeals Notice. Having followed the full procedure, if you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give your case consideration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Surrey Police. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact us on 01483 - 630007 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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