Dear Dr Bamji,

Freedom of Information request (our reference: 34248)

I am writing in response to your e-mail of 30 January 2015, in which you ask for information regarding your father:

'Dr Nariman Sorabji Bamji, born 1909 in Navsari, Baroda State. Arrived in the UK from India in 1937 to work at Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden. He was a supporter of Indian nationalism and joined the British Communist Party which before the Second World War supported this cause, although he renounced his membership after the Nazi-Soviet pact'. And whether your mother Joan Elizabeth Bamji (nee Jermyn), born 1916, had a Home Office file.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have carried out a thorough search and have established that the Home Office does not hold the information which you have requested. Under the Public Records Act, files are destroyed, or transferred to The National Archives when they are 30 years old. I would therefore suggest that you contact The National Archives, who may be able to help you.

You can send your request for information via the National Archives website at the following link:

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request, by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 34248. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.
As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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