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Dear Dr Briant,

Your Freedom Of Information Request:1147-19

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 22 November 2019. In your request you asked;

1. Regarding the meeting with Embassy staff in Washington on 9th January 2017 as per FOI REF: 0804-19. Please could you tell me the purpose of the meeting and can I see any correspondence , minutes or other documents relating to the meeting.

2. Please could know the purpose of the meeting and can I see any correspondence, minutes or other documentation relating to the meeting(s) with Jared Kushner and Steven Bannon and the foreign secretary on 8th January 2017 as per FOI REF: 0804-19.

3. Please could I have a copy of the guest list for the evening reception with Republicans in Washington DC that the foreign secretary attended on 8th January 2017 as per FOI REF: 0804-19.

4. Please could I request a description and any correspondence or minutes and briefings relating to the meeting in Trump Tower with the foreign secretary on 8th January 2017.

Q5. Please could I request to know the matters discussed during the meeting between the Foreign Secretary and Bob Corker on 9th January 2017. And can I please also see all correspondence, documents and meeting minutes relating to the meeting.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office does hold information falling within the terms of your request.

The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In this case, however, we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies.

In your case we estimate that it will take an additional 20 days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 18 February 2020. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

The specific exemption which applies in relation to your request is:
Section 27 – international relations

Please write to the Central FOI Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Room WH2.177, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: foi-dpa.pmcs@fco.gov.uk if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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