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Dear Dr Briant

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1223-19

Thank you for your e-mail of 27<sup>th</sup> December 2019 requesting access under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to information held by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO).

You asked for:

- 1) Please could you share a full list of all correspondence and related attachments held by the FCO regarding strategic communications and research in Ukraine involving personnel at Strategic Communication Laboratories, Behavioural Dynamics Institute or IOTA Global in 2014-15.
- 2) Could you also share all this correspondence including attachments please.

We are currently considering your request under section 27 of the Act. We will need additional time to consider the public interest test in relation to this exemption and hope to send you a substantive response by 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

You can apply directly to the Information Commissioner. However, the Information Commissioner will not normally make a decision unless you have first exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Please contact us if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Central FOI Unit.



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