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Dear Chris Lamb

I refer to your request where you asked:

“I will clarify my request following your last correspondence; I seek disclosure of all records- on paper or in electronic form- made either by Tony Blair personally or his civil servant advisers which describe the content of and explain Mr. Blair's 'unequivocal view' of 15 March 2003 that the Iraqi regime was in 'further material breach' of its treaty obligations over WMD and had used up its 'final opportunity' to comply. To help you understand this; I am not asking you to search for the evidence underlying Blair's 'unequivocal view', I am asking for the record that should have been made by Blair's civil service advisers of what fully constituted this view for audit trail purposes.

Incidentally, your previous correspondence erroneously attribute declassified documents and/or an explanation for this 'unequivocal view' to the Chilcot Report. The Chilcot Report states that it never received a satisfactory explanation as to the factual evidence by which Blair came to his 'unequivocal view' that Iraq was in 'further material breach'.”

Thank you for your request to the Cabinet Office. I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, a record or records of what material was used by Tony Blair and/or his civil service advisers, to inform and form the basis from which the PM came to his 'unequivocal view' of 15th March 2003 that the Iraqi regime was in 'further material breach' of its treaty obligations over WMD and had used up its 'final opportunity' to comply, is not held by the Cabinet Office.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B.', written in a cursive style.

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