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Dear JJ Evans

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI 1097612

Thank you for your request dated 10 September 2017 in which you asked the Department of Health (DH):

"I write regarding the AID B/2/10 series of files, these are concerned with Blood Products. Some volumes of these files are available on TNA's catalogue, but not all of them. I have outlined those which are not yet on TNA's Online Discovery Catalogue below. Given that the Department says it is committed to transparency please can you make the files available on the TNA's Catalogue as soon as possible?

AID B	2	10	1 - Missing
AID B	2	10	2 - Missing
AID B	2	10	3 - Missing
AID B	2	10	4 - Missing
AID B	2	10	5 - Available
AID B	2	10	6 - Available

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

DH does not hold this information.

AIDB/002/010/V004 is available from The National Archives at http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/results/r? q=AIDB002010V004

The Departmental Records Office has confirmed that they do not hold files with the references AIDB/002/010 volumes 1 to 3. The Department of Health has used two-letter and three-letter prefixes for registered files, but a number of files had mistakenly been assigned

the four-letter prefix of AIDB. They have undertaken a search of the current inventory and the previous records management systems and not found any information to suggest these files existed, and there is no trace of them being deposited with the Departmental Records Office.

It may be helpful to know that there are two further volumes of files in this series which are available at The National Archives as follows:

AIDB/002/010/V007

http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/7ce8f42ac55a4fafba16d7cc75adef7a_1

and

AIDB/002/010/V008

http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/4698f0cd62e64e04a8461b5e71cf77fc_1

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) who may decide to investigate your concerns. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response, and received our internal review response. The ICO will not usually investigate concerns where there has been an undue delay in bringing it to their attention. You should raise your concerns with them within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely,

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