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## **Freedom of Information request: FOI/107/19**

I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office dated 29 April 2019, which is copied in bold below;

**Please disclose the records for attorney general discharge of his duty to parliament arising from death of Sir John Stradling Thomas MP at his Dolphin Square Home March 1991 between final readings of above bill.**

You followed up this request with a further email on 30 April 2019, providing what you described as 'context' to your request. This further email is copied in bold below;

**You understand that Sir John Stradling Thomas MP in 1990 wrote to Attorney General on a matter touching on issues in the War Crimes BILL ?**

**These matters arose in Matron Mary McGill Decd 1972 Suffolk and in Welsh Regional Crime Squad inquiry into Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder Homes 1972**

**Whereas the Galician SS Divn was brought to UK postwar by efforts of Labour MP Richard Raper Stokes Ipswich and UK status was clear. The same could not and cannot be said of who ever the persons were sponsored to UK by the Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder charities subject of sudden death inquiry Suffolk (McGill Decd) and Regional Crime Squad Inquiry Wales (Suspecting Acquisition of UK identity via death registration malpractices)**

**On the face of it Tony Newton DHSS and Patrick Mayhew Attorney General elected not to tell the Commons about Sir John's correspondence or his intention to raise parliamentary inquiry into handling of that correspondence. An intention not realised because he died at his Dolphin Square Home March 1991.**

**And on the face of it Earl Ferrers Police Minister elected to conceal Sir John's correspondence from the Lords**

**Obviously the EU Resolution on GLADIO was issued in 1990**

**And a driver of the War Crimes Bill was Greville Janner MP the beneficiary of public interest favour 1991 to dodge child abuse charges**

**The first application to quash the Matron McGill Decd 1972 suicide verdict was 1992 by Roger Evans MP Monmouth a barrister The question thus re-arising in inquest verdict appeal process. Who were the men sponsored to UK by Sue Ryder and Airey Neave ? Due to the international nature of the two charities would such men be habitually resident in UK and would they hence escape the jurisdiction of the War Crimes Act ?**

**This is the context to the above FOI.**

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Attorney General's Office (AGO).

We have carried out a search of our electronic and paper based records and have ascertained that we do not hold any information falling within the scope of your request. 'Do Not Hold' means the Attorney General's Office does not hold the information you have requested under Section 1(1)(a) of the Act.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the above address.

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

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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