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Dear Mr Falmouth,

Thank you for your email of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 requesting the following information:

*“Under the freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting documents which contain the following:*

*Correspondence, including emails, between MOD ministers, officials or representatives and any of the following individuals: Tony Blair; Mark Malloch-Brown; James McGroy; Jolyon/Jo Maugham; Nick Clegg; Gina Miller; Tom Brake; or Peter Mandelson, during the year 2016.*

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I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12 (2) of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. The Ministry of Defence comprises over 200,000 civilian and military personnel, who fall within the category of officials or representatives. It is not possible to conduct such a wide-ranging search. You may consider reducing your request to correspondence between Ministers and a named individual.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours Sincerely

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