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Dear Philip Holden

I refer to your request where you asked:

“Dear Prime Minister's Office,

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please make available all correspondence between the PM, his office, the Cabinet Office and members and former members of the ISC and the security services regarding the decision on when or whether to publish the report on Russian interference in UK politics.

Yours faithfully,  
Philip Holden”

Thank you for your email regarding information relating to the Intelligence and security Committee of Parliaments Russia Report. Your request for correspondence is being withheld under Section 23(1).

Section 23(1) of the FOIA states that information held by a public authority is exempt information if it was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in section 23. The Intelligence and Security Committee is named in Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act.

As the ISC is a named body under section 23(3) of the Act, **all** information concerned with its report would be exempt information under section 23(1).

Having reviewed your request, I am therefore concluding that as section 23(1) is an absolute exemption, the Cabinet Office is not required to consider whether the public interest favours disclosure of this information.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eirian Walsh Atkins', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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