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**Our ref:** HQ/PA/000579/14  
**Your ref:**

20 March 2014

Dear Dr Watt

I write in connection with the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 20 February 2014. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u><b>Request</b></u>	<u><b>Response</b></u>
<p>On 28th October 2010 I reported to Thames Valley Police my suspicion that Dr. David Kelly had been murdered.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police allocated the report of suspected murder a Unique Reference Number 514 of 28th October 2010.</p> <p>1. What actions did Thames Valley Police take in response to the report of suspected murder?</p> <p>2. No statement has been taken from me. Which officer took the decision not to take a statement from me?</p> <p>3. With respect to crime recording statistics how is URN 514 of 28th October 2010 recorded?</p> <p>4. Which officer took the decision to record URN 514 of 28th October 2010 in the manner disclosed in the answer to Question 3.?</p>	<p>Thames Valley Police has considered these requests to be "Vexatious" in accordance with Section 14(1) of the FOIA.</p> <p>Our reasoning is explained further below.</p>



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<p>5. Did the senior officer group concerned with Dr. Kelly's death meet in response to URN 514 of 28th October 2010? If so, on what date(s)?</p> <p>6. I ask for copies of all notes, minutes of the meeting or similar documents with respect to any senior group meetings referred to in Question 5.</p>	
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#### **Section 14**

We have previously responded to over 50 requests and over 130 questions from you concerning the investigation into the death of Dr David Kelly and many others on this subject matter. Answering all of these questions, including your own has been time-consuming and in our view imposes a disproportionate burden on police officers and staff.

Thames Valley Police acknowledges the general value of transparency in disclosing information. However, it now considers that the vast amount of data already available with regards to the death of Dr Kelly and the fact that the case is now closed and over 10 years old, reduces significantly any public interest in disclosure.

There are a large number of documents relating to Operation Mason already in the public domain. In order to assist you in this matter, I have provided some links below.

The Hutton Enquiry

<http://www.the-hutton-inquiry.org.uk/>

Attorney General's Office

<http://www.attorneygeneral.gov.uk/Publications/Pages/DrKelly.aspx>

#### **Complaint Rights**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within two months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI inbox; [publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



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Yours sincerely

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