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Dear Mr Morgan

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (Our Reference 51065)

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 November 2018, in which you ask how many Ministerial files have been destroyed instead of being released to The National Archives (TNA) under the 20/30-year rule during the years of 2016 and 2017.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The Home Office follows the guidance on selection and disposal of files in line with the standards set out by The National Archives, details of which can be found here:
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/manage-information/selection-and-transfer/appraising-records/schedules-for-keeping-disposing-of-records/>

There is currently a moratorium in place on the destruction of all information owned and held by the Home Office group whilst the independent inquiries into child sexual abuse (IICSA) and Undercover Policing (UPI) are in progress.

The moratorium is a temporary measure, but it remains in place until further notice. Given this, no ministerial files have been destroyed in 2016 and 2017 if not released to TNA under the 20/30-year rule.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference 51065. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you

were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

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