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Date:

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Dear Mr Faggetter,

YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON UK-US EXTRADITION

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 January 2012, which has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You ask for the following information:

- How many UK citizens were extradited to the United States of America since 2003 under existing extradition treaties for offences allegedly or otherwise committed in US jurisdiction.
- How many US citizens were extradited to the UK since 2003 for offences allegedly or otherwise committed in UK jurisdiction.

I am able to disclose the information set out below. As a person's nationality has never been a bar to extradition between the UK and the US, the nationality of the person whose extradition was sought may not have always been apparent or recorded.

Any alleged offences for which a request for an extradition is made would have to come within the requesting State's jurisdiction as well as being an extradition offence as defined by Sections 137 and 138 of the Extradition Act 2003 for it to be valid under UK law.

The Extradition Act 2003 came into force on 1 January 2004.

Information

- From January 2004 up to the end of December 2011, there have been 33 known UK citizens extradited from the UK to the US. This includes 6 people with dual British nationality.
- From January 2004 up to the end of December 2011, there have been 7 known US citizens extradited from the US to the UK.

In keeping with the Freedom of Information Act, we assume that all information can be released to the public unless it is exempt. In line with normal practice we are also therefore releasing the information which you requested via the Home Office website.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Home Office holds.

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 the address below, quoting reference 21402. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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