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Mr Joel M Benjamin

Email: via WhatDoTheyKnow

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Dear Mr Benjamin

Thank you for your email of 22 April 2017 requesting the following information:

“Details of private jet flights chartered between Altenrhein Switzerland, landing at RAF Northolt on each of the following dates:

- 1) 30 January 2009 (+/- 24 hrs allowing for potential inaccuracies in disclosures)
- 2) 31 January 2010 (+/- 24 hrs allowing for potential inaccuracies in disclosures)

For each flight, please provide:

- a) The type of aircraft
- b) The registered trading name and company details of the company operating it
- c) Aircraft classification number
- d) Confirmed departure, stops (where applicable) and final destination airfield
- e) Numbers of passengers and crew
- f) full passenger* list”

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that RAF Northolt routinely only retain detailed Air Traffic Control flight data for five years before it is destroyed, in line with Departmental Guidelines on data retention. Consequently, all records for 2009 & 2010 have not been retained.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely

[Original Signed]

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