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#### Dear Dr Stevenson

I refer to your e-mail dated 18 September 2013 requesting an internal review of your recent FOI request.

I can confirm that I have completed my review and consider that Thames Valley Police have correctly applied the legislation. The response below confirms our final position on this specific issue.

### Request

- 1) Do your records and documents relating to the investigation into the death of Dr Kelly include any diagrams, sketches, computer images or other pictorial representation of, or relating to, the scene of Dr Kelly's death?
- 2) If any such images are recorded, please could you release these records?

### **Response**

Thames Valley Police can confirm that it holds the requested information, but cannot supply it in accordance with the following exemption:

## Section 30(1)(a): Investigations & Proceedings

Thames Valley Police considers that any images, initially recorded, were in the context of an investigation into an unexplained death. Disclosure of any information at this stage, now the case is closed, would merely encourage further conspiracy theories.

Thames Valley Police acknowledges the general value of transparency in disclosing information. However, it considers that the vast amount of data already available with



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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. Conversely, it is not in the public interest to disclose information if to do so may disrupt our investigatory practices or undermine legal issues which have already been thoroughly debated and concluded.

On balance, we have therefore concluded that Section 30 is engaged in this instance.

I would remind you that we may consider any further requests on this subject as engaging Section 14 of the legislation.

If you are unhappy with my final decision on this case, you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Jason Russell Senior Public Access Manager