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Dear Mr El Ashker

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 8 April in which you ask for information on your father, Ahmed Abdel Fattah El Ashker

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

i'm requesting for freedom of information for my father's passport data as he passed away

We have been unable to establish whether Mr El Ashker is still alive. If we were to have evidence, such as a copy of a death certificate, which established that he was deceased then the Data Protection Act would not apply and we may be able to disclose the requested information provided that it is not exempt for some other reason under the FOIA.

Her Majesty's Passport Office has obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and in law generally to protect personal data (i.e. personal information about living individuals). We neither confirm nor deny whether we hold the information that you have requested. Under section 40(5) of the FOIA, the duty to say whether or not we hold information does not arise if to do so would itself disclose personal data and this would contravene any of the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the Data Protection Act.

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 (FOICR 48039/18). 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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