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Dear Mr Brewster

Freedom of Information Act 2000: gold held by the Bank of England

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 28 December 2016.

You asked for the following information:

"How many Bars of gold in the Bank of England have the German Swastika on them, as I know they exist and were made from the teeth of their victims, We know the Elite Hired the German Army to take over the world for them, it was just business, the elite even claimed compensation from the US Gov for damage to their munitions factories,

1: How many bars with the Swastika still on them?.

2: How much compensation did the UK Government Pay for damage to US factories in Germany?

3: Trying to get an honest answer from you is like extracting teeth, so please also tell me How much Gold in 1KG bars does the UK have, and in how many depositories, and where are these depositories."

I can confirm that HM Treasury does not hold information within the scope of your request.

To be helpful, gold is held as part of the Government holdings of international reserves ('the reserves') which also comprise foreign currency assets and International Monetary Fund Special Drawing Rights. The reserves are under the control of HM Treasury, which appoints the Bank of England as its agent to carry out the day-to-day management and the gold is held in the Bank of England's vaults. The Bank of England is one of the largest custodians of gold in the world, with around 400,000 gold bars stored in its vaults.

However, you may be interested to know that the Bank of England has previously responded to similar requests on the gold holdings it manages as custodian, where it has confirmed that it holds no gold bullion with such symbols or impressions:

<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/Pages/foi/disc290116.aspx>.

The Treasury currently holds 9,976,043 fine ounces of gold which was valued at \$11,544 million at end December 2016. It is not current HM Treasury policy to change the amount of gold holdings.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Information Rights Unit

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