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Dear Ms Stevenson

Reference No: RFI2013000044

I write in connection with the above-referenced Freedom of Information request dated 14 January 2013, which has now been considered as follows:

Request	Response
1a. Was Detective Constable Coe ever questioned about his change of evidence regarding the position of the body? If so, what was his response?	1a. Thames Valley Police have no record of such questions having been asked.
1b. Were the volunteer search team and/or the ambulance crew ever shown photographs of the position of the body and asked questions to the effect "Was this the position of the body when you saw it?"	1b. Thames Valley Police have no record of such questions having been asked.
1c. If the answer to 1b is affirmative, which photographs were shown to which individuals? Were the photographs shown to them taken in the morning and/or the afternoon?	1c. Not applicable.
2a. Was Detective Constable Coe ever questioned about the difference in the time that he told the Hutton Inquiry that he left the scene and the actual time he left the scene? If so, what was his explanation?	2a. Thames Valley Police have no record of such questions having been asked.

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- 2b. What task(s), if any, was Detective Constable Coe conducting at the scene between 10.00am and 11.47am?
- 3. Was Detective Constable Coe ever shown photographs taken in the morning compared with photographs taken in the afternoon and asked any questions about where the additional blood might have come from?
- 4a. Was Detective Constable Coe ever questioned about the discrepancies between what information he gave to the Hutton Inquiry and the information he gave to the Mail on Sunday regarding his involvement in the search of Dr Kelly's home?
- 4b. Assistant Chief Constable Michael Page informed the Hutton Inquiry that he did not have the security clearance to look at the documents taken from Dr Kelly's home. Detective Constable Coe however examined some of the documents over 3 days and briefly described some of the documents. Did Detective Constable Coe have higher security clearance than Assistant Chief Constable Michael Page? Was Detective Constable Coe a member of Special Branch at that time? Had Detective Constable Coe ever been a member of Special Branch? Has Detective Constable Coe at any time been attached to Special Branch or any of the UK security services?

5a. What is the identity of the third man and what was his role on 18th July 2003?

Response

- 2b. DC Coe would have been involved in duties commensurate with his role, although there is no record of what specific tasks were carried out at the specified times.
- 3. Thames Valley Police have no record of such questions having been asked.
- 4a. Thames Valley Police have no record of such questions having been asked.
- 4b. We can confirm that we do hold information about the respective security clearances of ACC Page and DC Coe. Such information is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2) and Section 31. Please see explanation below.

We can confirm that we do hold information about whether DC Coe was ever attached to Special Branch. Such information is exempt by virtue of Section 40(2) and Section 31. Please see explanation below.

In so far as your question relates to the UK security services, Thames Valley Police neither confirm nor deny whether any relevant information is held. The exemption at section 23(5) applies. Please see explanation below.

5a. We can confirm that we hold this information, but it is exempt by virtue of section 40(2) Personal Information. Please see explanation below.

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5b. Did Thames Valley Police know at the time of the Hutton Inquiry who had accompanied Detective Constable Coe? If they were aware, why did Thames Valley Police not place this information about the third man on record at the time of the Hutton Inquiry?

5c. Previous FOIRs indicate that a police helicopter arrived with 3 people on board and took off again with 4 people on board. Was the third man (referred to above) taken away by the police helicopter that landed at Harrowdown Hill on the 18th July 2003?

5d. If it was not the "third man" who was picked up from Harrowdown Hill on 18th July 2003 by the helicopter then who was it?

Response

5b. No information is held as to who, if anyone knew who had accompanied DC Coe.

5c. The helicopter landed to drop off a video that had been taken of the scene. There is no record to suggest that any person was taken away by the helicopter. In order to assist further, please would you confirm which previous "FOIRs" you are referring to in your request.

5d. Please see answer to 5c.

Section 23(5) Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).

Section 31(3) Law Enforcement

Although Thames Valley Police recognises that disclosure may enhance public debate, it is not considered in the public interest to release information held which may adversely affect our law enforcement activities. As such, on balance it is our decision that the public interest lies in non-disclosure for the reasons outlined above.

Section 40(2) Personal information

Information disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed into the public domain, effectively to the world, not just to one individual. Releasing the information requested would reveal personal information about individuals, thereby breaching the right to privacy afforded to individuals under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Complaint Rights

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If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. We apologise for the delay in responding.

Yours sincerely

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