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Dear Mr. Walker,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST
(Our ref: FOI_09-167)

Further to Mr. Palmer's letter of 23 December 2009 in response to your appeal of 23 December, I am writing to update you on the appeals process as it applies to this request. For the purposes of the Stage One informal review, I am acting as the UEA Information Policy Officer while Mr. Palmer is away from work.

I have examined the request and had discussions with relevant staff regarding this matter. I have also considered the grounds of your appeal closely. Upon reflection, I feel that the distance that exists between your position and that of the University as stated in Mr. Palmer's letter of 23 December 2009 is too great to be bridged by an initial informal attempt at resolution by myself.

When estimating the time taken to handle your request, we are advised that all of the following activities should be included in the calculation: determining whether the information is held, locating the information, retrieving the information, and extracting the information including editing or redacting information. Accounting for all of these activities in relation to the information you have requested, we believe that the appropriate limit will be exceeded and that our claim for exemption under s.12 is correct.

The other exemptions cited in Mr. Palmer's letter are equally valid, and I have no reason to revoke any part of the decision conveyed in our response to you.

Given the above, could you confirm whether you would like me to progress your appeal further to Stage Two.

For your information, the complaint process is described in Annex H of our Code of Practice available on the web at
<http://www.uea.ac.uk/is/strategies/infregs/FOIA+Code+of+Practice+for+Responding+to+Requests>

If you are dissatisfied with the final adjudication of your complaint by our internal complaint process, you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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Please quote the file reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence with us.

Yours sincerely

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