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Dear Gareth Hay

I refer to your request where you asked:

"Please release the memo detailed in a Telegraph article of 3rd April, which states a civil servant generated a record of a phone call received from the french ambassador detailing conversations with the first minister of scotland.

"memorandum which was written by a senior British civil servant, dated March 6th, states: "Just had a telephone conversation with Pierre-Alain Coffinier (PAC), the French CG [consul-general]. He was keen to fill me in on some of the conversations his Ambassador had during her visit to Scotland last week. All of this was given on a confidential basis."

If you do not hold this memo, please advise the correct department which does hold it"

The Cabinet Office carried out an inquiry into the leaked Scotland Office Memorandum to which you refer. Following completion of this enquiry the Cabinet Office has issued the following statement <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/scotland-office-memorandum-leak-cabinet-office-inquiry-statement>

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

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The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. B. M.', written in a cursive style.

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