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Dear Mr Watson

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (Our Reference 47474)

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 February 2018, in which you ask for the following information:

Please can you set out and explain any categories of information or circumstances where the Home Office believes it may decide, and/or has decided, not to disclose information about its activities or the activities of those under its purview (including MI5 and MI6) to government ministers and/or Parliament, and does the situation differ in any respect depending on whether government ministers and/or Parliament have made an express request for such information, and if so how?

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

The Freedom of Information Act provides for access to recorded information that is held at the time a request is made to a public authority. The Home Office does not hold information that sets out or explains any categories of information or circumstances where the Home Office believes it may decide not to disclose information about its activities to government Ministers and Parliament.

In certain circumstances it may be appropriate not to disclose information, for example in cases where the information relates to national security. These instances will be decided on a case by case basis.

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 47474. 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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