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Dear Simon Knežević

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request of 16 July 2015 which is being dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested the following:

**I am enquiring as to whether your organisation holds photographs of:**

**(I) the meeting between the King of Siam and W.G.Armstrong at the Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne premises of Armstrong, Mitchell and Co in 1892?**

**(II) the dinner hosted by W.G.Armstrong for Nikola Tesla at the Banqueting Hall, Jesmond Dene Road, Newcastle upon Tyne in spring 1892?**

**Any other documentation held, such as correspondence arranging or thanking W.G.Armstrong would also be of interest.**

Documents held in the Archives are exempt from Freedom of Information Act 2000 because they're already publicly available (section 21 FOIA).

Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums have checked our catalogue (<http://www.tyneandweararchives.org.uk/DServe2/dserve.exe?dsqApp=Archive&dsqDb=Catalog&dsqCmd=Search.tcl>) and found no specific reference to the meeting/dinner using the search references Siam and Nikola Tesla.

It is possible there may be reference to the meeting at the Elswick premises in Armstrong's Board of Directors and Managing Committee minutes, 1889 - 1896 (ref DS.VA/1/11/2). The minutes can be viewed in the searchroom at Discovery Museum during our normal opening hours (Tues-Fri, 10-4), otherwise we offer a paid research service. A search of the archives records can be requested by email to:

[archives@twmuseums.org.uk](mailto:archives@twmuseums.org.uk).

Please note the research service costs £30 per hour including VAT.

Another possibility is that there may be newspaper reports/photographs of the meeting and dinner – old newspapers for the area are held at the local studies section at Newcastle City Library, New Bridge Street West, Newcastle NE1 8AX (tel 0191 277 4100, email [information@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:information@newcastle.gov.uk)).

It might also be worth contacting Cragside too.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Please send details of your request for review to the following address:

Information Governance Advisor  
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If you are still unhappy with how we have handled your request following our internal review you can complain to the Information Commissioner. Contact details are as follows:

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Yours sincerely



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