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By email only

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Freedom of Information request: FOI|83|18

I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office and dated 03 June 2018 Which is copied in bold below;

I understand that some Documents relating to the prosecution of Nazi War Criminals after the Second World War, including some concerning the torture and killing of British and French Citizens/Soldiers during and after the War in North-East France, were subject to a 75 Year Classification for their release:-

- 1. How many documents that come into this 75 Year Classification are still to be released by the British Government?**
- 2. What are the Titles/Subjects of the documents still to be released?**
- 3. When are the remaining documents to be released?**
- 4. Are there any plans to introduce legislation in the U.K. similar to the United States War Crimes Disclosure Act?**

The Freedom of Information Act (2000) gives individuals and organisations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Attorney General's Office (AGO).

I have now been able to consider your request and can confirm under section 1(1)(a) of the Act the AGO does not hold the information you have requested. It may help if I clarify that the information being requested is not held by the AGO because there is no legal or business requirement for the AGO to do so.

Please be advised that the FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. It does not place a duty upon a public authorities to answer a question unless the recorded information exists or is held at the department. The FOIA duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the above address.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliff House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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