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Mr Alexander Hanff
By e-mail

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Dear Mr Hanff

Freedom of Information request (our ref. 17198): internal review

I am writing further to my e-mail of 22 February 2011, about your request for an internal review of our response to your Freedom of Information request.

I have now completed the review. I have consulted the policy unit which provided the original response and have considered whether the correct procedures were followed and assessed the reasons why information was withheld from you. I confirm that I was not involved in the initial handling of your request.

My findings are set out in the attached report. My conclusion is that the Unit were correct in their citing of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act in respect of parts one to three of your request. I am of the view that the Unit should have, in fact, applied this section to the whole of your request, including the fourth part. In view of this, it was unnecessary for the Unit to consider the exemption under section 35(1)(a) in respect of the fourth and final part of your request.

This completes the internal review process by the Home Office. If you remain dissatisfied with the response to your Fol request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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