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Dear Mr Walker

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/09/550

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3 November 2009 in which you seek access to the following information:

1. *Prior to 1st January 2005 had any members of your Police Force been disciplined in connection with membership of:*
 - a) *the British National Party*
 - b) *Combat 18*
 - c) *the National Front*
2. *Please provide details of how many and the outcomes of such disciplinary procedures if any.*
3. *After 1st January 2005 have any members of your Police Force been disciplined in connection with membership of:*
 - a) *the British National Party*
 - b) *Combat 18*
 - c) *the National Front*
4. *Please provide details of how many and the outcomes of such disciplinary procedures if any.*

Questions 1, 2, 3 and 4

We have identified no record of a member of the City of London Police being disciplined in connection with membership of the above described organisations either before or after 1 January 2005.

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5. *After 1st January 2005 did you review the Human Rights implications of the restriction? Please supply minutes and other documentation relating to such a review.*

The City of London Police holds no information relating to this question.

6. *The restriction relates to membership. Do you consider that there is any restriction on a member of your Police Force:*

- a) donating to the British National Party*
- b) subscribing to a British National Party publication*
- c) purchasing goods from the British National Party*
- d) signing a petition in favour of the British National Party*
- e) signing a nomination form for a British National Party candidate*

The City of London Police holds no recorded information relating to this question. However, the following guidance was provided by the ACPO Chief Constables' Council in 2004:

'No member of the police service, whether police officer or police staff, maybe a member of an organisation whose constitution, aims, objectives or pronouncements contradict the general duty to promote race equality. This specifically includes the British National Party.' It added that, 'in view of the importance on public confidence of meeting the general duty to promote race equality established in the Race Relations (Amendment Act) 2000, it is anticipated that non-compliance will result in dismissal.'

Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your request. Should you have any further questions, please contact me via e-mail, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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