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Dear Ms Drysdale,

INTERNAL REVIEW OF FOI REQUEST REF: 0539-15

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2015 asking for an internal review of the decision conveyed to you in our letter dated 2 July 2015, regarding your FOI request on 'US interference with legal processes in the UK'.

I am writing to confirm that I have conducted a full examination of all the material of relevance to your request, as well as your specific questions of what categories of information were searched and how the search was performed, and additionally whether it is possible that correspondence that could have potentially provided answers to this request might have been destroyed either manually by FCO staff or automatically by systems.

Having reviewed the search criteria and relevant responses, I am satisfied that a reasonable search was made in response to FOI request 0539-15. NAD requested that NAD staff, FCO Legal Advisers and the British Embassy in Washington check FCO IT systems, including email systems, personal and shared drives, FCO iRecords, notebooks, paper files and in-trays.

NAD staff, FCO Legal Advisers and the British Embassy in Washington all checked for information within the relevant time period – 15 August 2012 to 15 February 2013 - and under the following categories of information:

'US Employment Appeal Tribunal and Civil'

'United States and Employment Appeal Tribunal and Civil'.

'Employment Appeal Tribunal'

'Civil matter'

The searches yielded no results.

I am therefore content that a reasonable search was carried out in relation to your request.

You also ask whether it is possible that correspondence that could have potentially provided answers to this request might have been destroyed either manually by FCO staff or

automatically by systems. The nature of FCO IT systems means that FCO staff members are at liberty to delete as necessary from our email systems. However, any personal information relating to staff or Employment Appeal Tribunals should be registered as necessary on departmental shared drives. No such information was retrieved during both searches.

Therefore after careful consideration of the original handling of the request and on the basis of the findings above, the internal review has upheld the original decision.

I hope you are satisfied with the process of this review and the outcome. However, if you feel we have not handled your internal review correctly and you wish to make a complaint, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours Sincerely

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