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Dear Ms Marks,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

I refer to your request where you asked:

'Please send me the information surrounding the decision of ex PM Tony Blair to send special envoy Sheree Dodd to act as a "media liaison officer" for Gerry and Kate McCann so soon after Madeleine "vanished".

I would also like transcripts of all phone calls between Tony Blair and to included all departments within the UK Government, and the McCann team. I would like copies of all other communication between the UK Government and the McCann team.'

I apologise for the error in our letter of 7 August 2012 in which we stated that we were considering the public interest test in relation to section 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act. Our letter should have said that we were considering the public interest test in relation to the duty to confirm or deny whether information is held as set out in section 31(3) of the Act.

In fact, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Cabinet Office.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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

Yours sincerely,

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