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Dear Mr Ames

Re FOI Request 304-05

I am writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request for information which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office received on 10 February needs to be extended.

It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working days time limit for issuing a response. This is because the information requested must be considered under S36 of the Freedom of Information Act, to which the public interest test applies. This extra time is required in order to make a determination as to the public interest.

In the case of your request, I must extend the time limit effective from today's date. I hope to let you have a response by Friday 20 May 2005. If you do not receive my response or further information by then, please contact me and I will investigate the matter.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office you may ask for an internal review. You should contact me at the above address if you wish to complain.

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF



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

Yours sincerely

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