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Dear Kevin Hughes

I refer to your email of 15 August 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I would like to request any records concerning contact with representatives of the Saddam Hussein regime of Iraq between 1 December 1999 and 1 April 2003."

Following on from our email of 4 September 2018, we are refusing your request under section 18(f) of the OIA. The Ministry carefully considered your request. However, in the absence of further correspondence from you in terms of refining the scope of your request and given the high volume of information held in archive storage offsite that would require physical retrieval and review, the information you have requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

In the event you are able to refine the scope of your request, the Ministry will consider any further request for information.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade