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Dear Mr Thomas,

### DATA PROTECTION ACT (DPA) 1998 REQUEST

Thank you for your letter to the Foreign Secretary of 1 March on behalf of your constituent, Mr Paul Trummel, about correspondence relating to him that may be held by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). As you're aware, your letter has been considered as a DPA request on behalf of Mr Trummel.

I can confirm that the FCO does not hold any relevant material to which Mr Trummel is entitled under Section 7 of the DPA. Our office in Seattle is closed. Our search for any relevant information therefore included our Consulate-General in San Francisco, to which Seattle's files were transferred on its closure. It would seem that any consular files about Mr Trummel have since been destroyed in line with our retention policy.

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

If you or Mr Trummel are not satisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, or request a review of our decision, you should write to Stephen Durrant at the above address.

If you or Mr Trummel are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision under the DPA 1998. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaint procedure provided by the FCO. The ICO can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexandra Gaunt'.

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