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Dear David,

Your reference: 0442/08

I am writing to you further to a letter from James Hooley, one of your officials, dated 2 September 2008. I am grateful for the disclosure of some of the information I requested in my letter dated 20 May 2008.

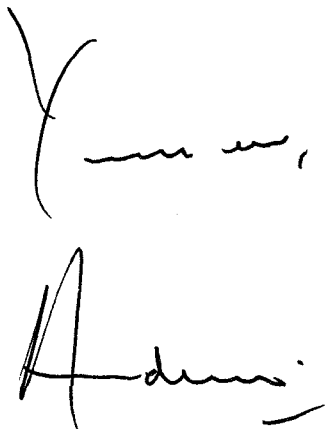
As you know, the majority of the requests that I submitted (numbered 6-22) were not considered, on cost limit grounds. The letter of 2 September 2008 set out that these further requests may be resubmitted once 60 working days had elapsed from the date of that letter. I have been advised that the 60 working day period to which your official referred runs from the date that the Freedom of Information Act requests are received by the FCO¹. As 60 working days have elapsed since my latest information request was submitted, I am writing to ask that these further information requests now be considered. For your reference, I have enclosed my letter of 20 May 2008.

In this letter I listed the requests in order of priority. I realise that this will be a lot of work for officials in your Department, and as before am very happy to be contacted to clarify specific requests, or to discuss how best the information requested could be provided without undue work.

¹ Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, Regulation 5(2)(b).

I am aware that the high number of these requests may again result in the cost limit for applications under the Freedom of Information Act being exceeded. Public authorities are not prevented from responding to requests where the appropriate cost limit is exceeded². However, in the event that the limit is exceeded and you choose not to proceed with some of the requests, I would be grateful if you could deal with as many requests as possible within the applicable cost limit, and in accordance with the order of priority. I would also be grateful if your officials could contact me, to inform me of this fact and to put in place arrangements for dealing with the remaining requests.

I am placing this letter in the public domain.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is a stylized 'Y' followed by a horizontal line and a comma, likely representing 'Tyrie'. The bottom signature is a more fluid, cursive script that appears to read 'Andrew Tyrie'.

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Chairman, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition

² Freedom of Information Act 2000, s. 12(1).