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Dear Mr Boomer

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST – REF: FOI2026/00173

We are writing with our reply to your email of 2 January requesting access to information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). We apologise for the delay in your request. You asked for:

“I would like to now make the same request for the period 04 December 1997 – 03 December 1999”

For reference, under FOI2025/38272 you previously asked for the following information from 03 December 1995- 03 December 1997:

“I am writing to request access to all documentation and records relating to the disappearance of flight 9H-ABU on December 3, 1995, which was en route from Djerba to Malta. This tragic incident resulted in the loss of five passengers and the pilot. My brother, Desmond Boomer, was one of the passengers on the plane, and this personal connection is my reason for making this Freedom of Information (FOI) request.

Specifically, I am seeking the following information:

- 1. All reports, memos, and internal communications pertaining to the disappearance of flight 9H-ABU.*
- 2. Any correspondence with external agencies, organizations or governments, related to the incident.*
- 3. Investigation findings and conclusions regarding the cause of the disappearance.*
- 4. Records of any search and rescue operations conducted in response to the incident.*
- 5. Any other relevant documentation or records held by the Department.*

I understand that some information may be exempt from disclosure; however, I kindly request that any non-exempt material be made available to me. If possible, I would appreciate receiving the requested documents in electronic format via email.”

Following a search within the timeframe of 04 December 1997 to 03 December 1999, we can confirm that we hold some information relevant to your request.

A review of the information to consider possible release has concluded that it can be released in full. A copy is attached.

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Yours sincerely,

Historical Information Rights Team



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