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Dear Mr Boomer,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) 2000: INTERNAL REVIEW: IR2021/13949

Thank you for your email of 26th May requesting an Internal Review (IR) of our response to your request ref FOI2021/09393 as follows:

"I find it hard to believe that there is no information relating to this crash. I know that my father and the Williams family had been in contact with the Foreign Office both personally and through their respective political representatives."

Further to our email of 24 June, I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the Internal Review.

Your original request of 13 April asked:

"I would like access to all information held in relation to the disappearance of flight 9H-ABU from Djerba, Tunisia to Malta December 3rd 1995. My brother, Desmond Boomer, was on the flight along with Michael Williams, Polish national, Tadeus Gorny and Maltese nationals Philip Farrugia and Matthew Aquilina . The pilot, Carmelo Bartolo was also Maltese."

Our reply of the same date requested a time frame of up to two years in the first instance and also asked for any further information you could supply. Your reply of 13 April provided the following information :

"If I am limited to requesting information for a 2 year period then I am happy to start with the 2 years covering 3/12/1995 - 3/12/1997. However, this is on the understanding that I

can make further FOI requests for each subsequent 2 year period.”

Our reply of 12 May stated that we had not identified that we held any information relevant to your request.

Search for information

I have reviewed the searches for information held that were undertaken to respond to your original request. As a result of the review of the handling of your request and search for relevant information, I have identified a small amount of material that is relevant to your request. This information has been reviewed and it has been determined that it can be released in full. A copy of the identified information has been attached to this response.

I apologise for the error in our response of 12 May. I am satisfied that we have now fulfilled our obligations under the FOI Act to carry out a reasonable search.

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If you would like a further review of our decision, you can apply directly to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or online at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Head, Historical Information Rights Team



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