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Dear Sirs

Privacy International & Ors v Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Claim No. IPT/17/86 & 87CH

We refer to the disclosure provided on Friday evening, 15 February 2019.

We note that areas of dispute remain which may be resolved, at least in part, this week.

Given the proximity of the hearing the Claimants request any further disclosure by 4pm on Thursday 21 February 2019.

In addition, we have a number of requests arising from the information provided on Friday evening:

1. Please provide a copy of the letter from the Prime Minister to the Intelligence Services Commissioner, dated 27 November 2014, referred to in the Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner for 2015.

2. The Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner for 2015 refers to “a memorandum of understanding with the CPS which outlines when consultation on CHIS matters is desirable” (p.13). Please provide a copy and a copy of any equivalent document with the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland.

3. We have been provided with an SIA Inspection Report 2015 in respect of an inspection dated 24 June 2015, which includes a section entitled “Referral to the Crown Prosecution Service” that is redacted in its entirety. Please provide an explanation for that redaction (explaining, for example, whether this section of the Inspection Report details a specific referral to the CPS or a statement of policy, and in any event the grounds upon which it has been redacted and a gist of the contents).

4. Paragraph 2 of the Security Service Policy on Running Agents in Serious Crime refers to “Home Office Circular 97/1969”, which is said to contain...
guidelines issued by the Home Office to police forces on the use of informants who take part in crime*. Please provide a copy of that circular and all subsequent versions of that circular or any policy/guidelines that replaced it.

5. The second witness statement of MI5 Witness 2 includes a section entitled “Working with the police”, which refers to “an issue”, consideration of which appears to have prompted a change to the “record-keeping system” of the Security Services. Please explain the nature of that issue.

We would be grateful for a prompt response, and in any event by 4pm on Thursday 21 February 2019.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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