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Dear Correspondent,

We have considered your request for information, but are unable at this time to confirm the validity of your request.

The MOJ has recently received a volume of requests for information from people who may be using pseudonyms. Section 8 (1)(b) of Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) requires that a request for information should state the name of the applicant. The Information Commissioner's guidance expands on this and states that the requester's real name must be provided. We have reason to believe that you have not provided your real name.

In order to consider your request under FOIA, we are asking you to provide valid identification. This is in the form of two pieces of ID:

- The first form of ID should include a clear photo of you, such as from your passport or driving licence.
- The second form of ID should include your name and current address, such as on a utility bill, council tax bill, bank or credit card statement. Your driving licence is acceptable as proof of your address if it is also accompanied by additional photo ID (such as your passport). Acceptable bills include electricity, gas, water, telephone/broadband, council tax, bank statement or credit card statement. Any bill should be dated within the last 6 months.

(We ask for photo ID not to confirm likeness but because obtaining photo ID involves a series of additional safeguards.)

Please resubmit your request with your two pieces of ID, and we will process your request under FOIA.

Yours faithfully  
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