



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2018/085

Date: 27 March 2018

Dear Requester,

I refer to the request which you made on 3 April 2018 under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

"All correspondence from the Irish embassy in Israel to Dublin concerning the Palestinian demonstrations along the Israel-Gaza border on March 30. I would like to confine my request to correspondence sent on March 30 and March 31, 2018, and exclude media inquiries and statements provided to media."

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 9 April 2018. I wish to inform you that your request falls for refusal under Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (Act), as the records concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain their whereabouts have been taken.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfa.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.ie, or +353 (0)14082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely,

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