



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

17 May 2018

Karrie Kehoe
RTÉ

Our Ref: Fol/Req/2018/100

Dear Ms. Kehoe,

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

- *Any records, including but not limited to memos, reports, and communications mentioning or regarding SVR - Foreign Intelligence Service of the Russian Federation*
- *Any records, including but not limited to memos, reports, and communications mentioning or regarding GRU - Main Intelligence Directorate*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 23 April 2018.

I am satisfied that the disclosure of the existence or non-existence of the information you seek would prejudice the security of the State, the defence of the State and the international relations of the State and in that light I can neither confirm nor deny that this Department holds information falling within the scope of your request by virtue of Sections 33(1)(a)(b)(d) and 33(4) of the FOI Act, Security, defence and international relations.

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 01-4082857.

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

Caitríona de Búrca