



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála**  
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**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
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9<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Our Ref: FOI/Req/16/101

Dear Deputy Daly,

I refer to your request dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as follows:

**A copy of the reconfirmation in regard to details of military aircraft of the United States of America landing and overflying Shannon Airport in County Clare between 4th June and 12th June 2016 issued by the US Embassy to the Department of Foreign Affairs and referred to by the Minister in his answer to PQ 19086/16 of Tuesday, 5th July.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

I have identified one record that falls within the scope of your request which is listed in the attached schedule. I have made a decision to refuse access to this record under the following sections of the FOI Act:

**Section 33 (1)** A head may refuse to grant an FOI request in relation to a record (and in particular but without prejudice to the generality otherwise of this subsection, to a record to which subsection (2) applies) if, in the opinion of the head, access to it could reasonably be expected to affect adversely— (d) the international relations of the State

**Section 33 (2)** This subsection applies to a record that— (b) contains a communication between a Minister of the Government or his or her Department or Office and a diplomatic mission or consular post in the State or of the State

**Section 35 (1)** Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if—(a) the record concerned contains information given to an FOI body, in confidence and on the understanding that it would be treated by it as confidential

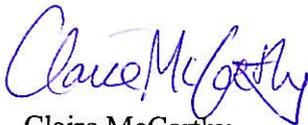
I have carefully considered both the nature and source of these records and I am satisfied that, on balance, the public interest is best served in refusing access to these records.

**Right of appeal**

If you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by e-mail to [foi@dfat.ie](mailto:foi@dfat.ie). Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. For methods of payment please contact the FOI Unit at [foi@dfat.ie](mailto:foi@dfat.ie) or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within four weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. 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,



Claire McCarthy  
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