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Our Ref: FoI/Req/16/127

Mr. Niall Sargent

Dear Mr. Sargent,

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 letters sent to Jean-Paul Deveau, President of Acadian Seaplants Limited, or any other representation of Acadian Seaplants Limited, from the office of the Irish Ambassador to Canada, Ray Bassett.

Any correspondence between the Irish ambassador to Canada, Ray Bassett and any representation of Acadian Seaplants Limited concerning the sale of Arramara Teoranta to Acadian Seaplants Ltd.

All Documents concerning any meetings between the Irish Ambassador, the Irish Taoiseach and the Canadian Prime Minister in which the sale of Arramara Teoranta to Acadian Seaplants Ltd was discussed.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on September 5th 2016.

Having conducted a search of this office's electronic and paper records, having consulted with (retired) Ambassador Basset and having enquired if related records exist at the offices of the Honorary Consul of Ireland at Halifax, Nova Scotia, I have not found any records that fall within the scope of your request. Therefore your request falls for refusal under Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI Act, that is, because "the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken."

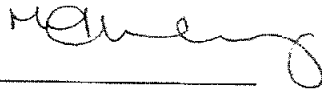
Right of Appeal

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@dfat.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@dfat.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,



Michael Hurley
Deputy Head of Mission