Wayne O'Connor Sunday Independent, Third Floor, 27-32 Talbot St, Dublin 1.

November 29, 2016.

Dear sir/madam,

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I request access to the following records which are non-personal and which I believe are held by the Department of Foreign Affairs about the Cuba, Fidel Castro and the death of Fidel Castro between November 25, 2016 and the date of this letter.

- Briefing documents prepared for the Minister about Cuba, Mr Castro, the death of Mr Castro and Ireland's Government's position in relation to the above.
- Correspondence, documents, memos and reports prepared by the department or circulated within the department/government in relation to these matters.
- Any correspondence between the department, minister and President Michael D
  Higgins or the president's staff in relation to Cuba, Fidel Castro and the death of
  Fidel Castro.
- Any correspondence between the Irish and Cuban governments on the matter.

My preferred form of access is to receive copies of the records via email.

I am willing to receive my information in Microsoft Excel format where necessary.

Where sensitive information that cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act is an issue, I am willing to receive redacted information.

I am happy to discuss any aspect of my request insofar as it would help to clarify anything or make the process as efficient as possible.

I appreciate your time in considering my request.

Sincerely,

Wayne O'Connor

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