

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2016/206
Brian O'Donovan
RTÉ Newsroom,
RTÉ,
Donnybrook,
Dublin 4

Dear Mr. O'Donovan,

I refer to the request of 8 December which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

Records of all communications between the Department and Donald Trump and/or his representatives relating to the Taoiseach's recent trip to the US and any subsequent replies.

I wish to cover the timeframe 01/11/16 to present day.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 21 December 2016.

I am the responding officer for this request. Following a search of the Department's files, no records have been identified that fall within the scope of your request. In that light I am obliged to refuse your request under Section 15(1) (a) of the Act; *the record 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



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