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Dear Kevin Hughes

I refer to your email of 11 November 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I am happy to limit the request, as noted to the period from 1 April 2001 to 1 April 2003. In terms of topics, I am interested in any contacts concerning:

- 1) Weapons of mass destruction or weapons inspections*
- 2) Proposals/attempts to avoid the 2003 invasion. For example, proposals to accept more intrusive inspections or proposals for Saddam Hussein to go into exile."*

This letter advises that, due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to your request by 5 working days, to 7 February 2019. If this process is completed and we are able to respond this date, the response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade