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Dear Donald Campbell

Our ref: FOI2025/06803

Thank you for your email of 5 May in which you make a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). Your full request is attached.

The Prime Minister visited the Washington DC offices of Palantir Technologies on 27 February, during which he listened to a short presentation about Palantir's work, followed by a tour of the premises and an introduction to members of staff. This visit was organised via the British Embassy in Washington DC.

Having carefully considered the scope of your request, I estimate that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit which has been specified in the regulations and for Central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether we hold the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

You have asked to be provided with copies of briefings and any correspondence between the Prime Minister or his office and Palantir following the visit. I note that your request is not limited to any named member of staff within the Prime Minister's Office or within Palantir Technologies, which would allow for a targeted search of our records, and extends to a two and a half month period, further widening the scope of your request.

We do not hold a single file in which all the information that you have requested would be held. Nor do we manage or arrange our records in a way which mirrors your request, which would enable us to search for, and retrieve, all relevant information within the appropriate limit.

I consider that potentially relevant records could be in a number of different files and locations. As well as searches of our corporately-managed records, to comply with your request would require exhaustive individual searches to be conducted by or on behalf of each member of the Downing Street staff/team. In addition, information within the scope of the request might also be held within attachments to emails and it would be necessary to open and review each email attachment, again increasing the volume of materials that it would be necessary to review.

I consider that such an exercise, covering two and a half months of communications by Downing Street members of staff, via any platform, would greatly exceed the appropriate limit.

If you were to make a new request for a narrower category of information, it might be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case. For example, you may wish to restrict your request to specific named members of Downing Street staff, as well as named individuals within Palantir Technologies, relating to the visit, to enable that a proportionate search of our records can be conducted.

I should add that even if you do refine your request and the information is held one, or more exemptions specified within the Freedom of Information Act (2000) may apply.

Under section 12 of the Act, the Cabinet Office is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing this further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Campbell".

Freedom of Information Officer

Donald Campbell

Incoming request

I would like to make a FOI request for the following information, relating to the Prime Minister's visit to the headquarters of Palantir in Washington DC, in February this year:

Please could you provide me with:

- (1) copies of any briefing regarding Palantir provided to the Prime Minister ahead of his visit
- (2) copies of any correspondence between the Prime Minister or his office and Palantir following the visit (i.e. any correspondence from the period between date of the visit, 27 February, until the present date, 5 May).



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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

You should contact:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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