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To:	[redacted]
Cc:	FOI
Subject:	RE: FOI Response - Correspondence from Bob Posner to Vote Leave - 166/17
Date:	14 November 2017 13:20:25

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 166/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **20 October 2017**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

I wish to make a request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following records which I believe to be held by this body:

- **copies of any and all written correspondence from Bob Posner to Vote Leave (or representatives thereof). Please limit your search for relevant material from 1 May 2016 to 30 June 2016**

In dealing with this request, when deciding whether or not to apply the section 40 (Personal Data) exemption to any aspect of this response, I would be appreciate if you take into consideration that section 17 of the ICO's guidance on personal data states that the seniority of a public authority employee should be taken into consideration when determining whether to apply the section 40 exemption.

"It is reasonable to expect that a public authority would disclose more information relating to senior employees than more junior ones. Senior employees should expect their posts to carry a greater level of accountability, since they are likely to be responsible for major policy decisions and the expenditure of public funds."

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested. The Commission has previously responded to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 within which your request falls. Consequently, you can find the information you have requested on our website here:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/236337/FOI-149-17-Response-Final-and-attachments.pdf

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority, but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-

information-requests/how-do-I-make-an-foi-request

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: https://ico.org.uk/

Yours sincerely,

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