



# SECURITY SERVICE MI5

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Our ref: RMA2014/DPA675  
Your ref: Ltr received 20 March 2014  
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Dear Mr Simpson,

## Data Protection Act 1998 request

1. I refer to your request for access under section 7 of the Data Protection Act 1998 to personal data relating to you.
2. The Security Service is established under the Security Service Act 1989, and processes data in pursuit of the following statutory functions:
  - (a) To protect national security and in particular, its protection against threats from espionage, terrorism, and sabotage, from the activities of agents of foreign powers and from actions intended to overthrow or undermine parliamentary democracy by political, industrial or violent means.
  - (b) To safeguard the economic well-being of the UK against threats posed by the actions or intentions of persons outside the British Islands.
  - (c) To act in support of the activities of police forces, the National Crime Agency and other law enforcement agencies in the prevention and detection of serious crime.
3. We have conducted a search of Security Service records, informed by the information you provided us with on the completed pro forma, and have determined that the Service does not process any personal data to which you are entitled to have access under section 7 of the Act. **You should not take this response to imply that the Security Service does or does not hold any personal data about you.** This reflects the policy of successive Governments of applying the principle of 'neither confirm nor deny' with regard to the activities of the security and intelligence agencies in the interests of protecting national security.
4. We have not provided you with copies of any correspondence sent from or to you in relation to your request for information under the Data Protection Act 1998 on the basis that you will already be in possession of this. Please inform us if you require copies of this correspondence.

Please address correspondence to the following:

The Data Controller  
The Security Service  
PO Box 3255  
London SW1P 1AE

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5. I enclose a leaflet explaining more about your rights to personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998, and about the appeals procedures should you be dissatisfied with this response.

Yours sincerely

Laurence Brett  
Data Controller