Our Ref: FoI/Req/19/273

8 October 2019

Dear Mr Wall,

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

- 1. Any correspondence between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Rowan Croft AKA Grand Torino during the period January 2018 to present.
- 2. Any correspondence between the Department and Justin Barrett of the National Party during the same time period.
- 3. Any correspondence between the Department and the National Party and its representatives during the same time period.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 11 September 2019.

Having conducted a search of the Department's records, I have not located any documents that fall within the scope of the request. Therefore, your request falls for refusal on administrative grounds under Section 15 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, as "the record concerned does not exist".

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 <u>foi@dfat.ie</u>. 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 <u>foi@dfat.ie</u>, 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,

Andrea Wickham Moriarty Ireland, UK and Americas Division Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade