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*Dear Mr Gershon*

Thank you for your recent letter.

The Public Record Office is not able to undertake a search on your behalf, but if you are able to visit the Office yourself, the staff will show you how to set about identifying relevant material. I am enclosing a brief information sheet on the subject of your enquiry, together with some general information about the Office. If you decide to make a person visit, you will need to obtain a reader's ticket when you first arrive. To do this, **please bring with you on your first visit some documentary proof of identity. If you are a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, your driving licence or banker's card will constitute suitable identification. If you are a citizen of any other country, you will be required to produce your passport.** A ticket can then be issued immediately.

If you are unable to visit the Office yourself, or to arrange for someone to do so on your behalf, you may wish to put the matter into the hands of an independent researcher. Details of such researchers are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

*Ant*  
*Antony*

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## THE RECORDS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE FROM 1782

The Foreign Office, formed in 1782 and merged into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1968, was the department responsible for the conduct of British relations with nearly all foreign states between those dates. The greater part of its records is arranged in seven major categories, General Correspondence, Registers and Indexes, Embassy and Consular Archives, Confidential Print, Treaties, Private and Private Office Papers, and Archives of Commissions and Conferences, together with certain additional subsidiary series, all of which are described below.

### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The General Correspondence consists of the original papers accumulated in London, that is the original despatches from British representatives abroad with any enclosures; drafts of outgoing despatches; minutes; domestic correspondence with foreign representatives in this country, with other branches of the British government and with private individuals and bodies.

Records earlier in date than 1906 are to be found in the classes FO 1-FO 84, FO 90-FO 92, and FO 95-FO 111. For the most part, they are arranged by country. In addition, there are some classes of a general or miscellaneous nature not related to a particular country.

From 1906 the general correspondence covering all countries is arranged in a small number of subject classes as follows:

Africa, New Series 1906-1913	FO 367
Claims from 1946	FO 950
Commercial 1906-1920	FO 368
Communications from 1936	FO 950
Consular from 1906	FO 369
Contraband 1915-1920	FO 382
Cultural Relations from 1944	FO 924