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14 April 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request: FOI2022/00098

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 18 March in which you requested the following:

Your request:

Good morning,

Would you kindly advise if you hold correspondence exchanged between yourselves and the UK Adviser [Lord Geidt] of Theia Group, Inc (satellite and telecommunications services)? If such correspondence is held would you please supply me with a copy of any releasable material exchanged during the period from 29 January 2018 to 8 November 2021? I do not have an address for the UK office.

I am also interested in obtaining a copy of any document initiating contact between UKRI and the company office in the US, any proposal or request for cooperation, funding or UK participation in a Master Partner Programme (MPP) and any response, either supportive or not, from UKRI to the company between 1 January 2015 and 8 November 2021. If such is held then please advise and, if you do hold such, I request to be provided with a copy.

To assist you in meeting this request it may be helpful for you to know that Theia Group Inc and its subsidiaries, Theia Aviation LLC and Theia Holdings A, Inc were placed in receivership on 8 November 2021. The recent receiver's update to the US court is attached. It makes reference to the MMP. Prior to the appointment of the receiver the Theia Group Inc main US office was:

1455 Pennsylvania Ave, Ste 600, Washington, D.C., District of Columbia, 20004, United States:

Their Registered Office was:

1600 Market Street Suite 1320 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103,

United States.

They also used these addresses:

110 Buck Road, Suite 1320. Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 and

c/o Meridican, Inc 111 Buck Rd Unit 500 Ste 1 Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Thank you for your assistance in dealing with this request.

Our response

I can confirm UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) do not hold the information relevant to your request.

We can confirm after a search of our records systems that UKRI does not hold correspondence between UKRI and Lord Geidt in his capacity as UK Adviser to the Theia Group, Inc. We can also confirm that UKRI does not hold documents initiating contact between UKRI and the company office in the US, any proposal or request for cooperation, funding or UK participation in a Master Partner Programme (MPP) and any response from UKRI to the company.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact:

Head of Information Governance

Email: foi@ukri.org or infogovernance@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see UKRI's complaints policy: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/policies-and-standards/complaints-policy/>

Yours sincerely,


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