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Dear James,

30-YEAR RULE REVIEW.

Very good to hear from you. Your email hadn't reached me, in fact. Richard Wilson and I discussed the ministerial memoirs - as - underwriters question before PASC in the House of Commons a couple of years ago.

Go for 20 years while making sure the number of exemptions is not increased as part of the deal. The most important practical aspect is ensuring that sufficient records reviewers are kept in the historical work and not distracted by FOI fire-fighting.

All good wishes,

Yours ever
Peter.

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