

Annex C – Sample Investigations Letter

A. Notice of Investigation and Request for Information

Dear (insert name)

On ***date*** you were issued with a certificate of naturalisation/registered as a British citizen (**or** you were registered/naturalised as a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies and so became a British citizen on 1 January 1983).

The Secretary of State has reason to believe that you obtained your status as a British citizen as a result of fraud/false representation or concealment of material fact.

The Secretary of State has received information that indicates that ***insert basis of referral/allegation***

This letter informs you that the Secretary of State is, as a result of this information, considering depriving you of your citizenship under section 40 (3) of the British Nationality Act 1981 (as amended by the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002).

If you are deprived of citizenship you will lose any right of abode in the United Kingdom that you held on the basis of being a British citizen and so may be liable to be removed from the United Kingdom. You will also lose the rights associated with citizenship, including the right to vote and the right to carry a British citizen passport.

In order to reach a decision on this matter the Secretary of State now requires you to provide the following information:

(Insert required information, as relevant, under category headings as follows)

Mitigation of allegation/referral

Personal and Family Life

Compassionate Circumstances

Human Rights

You must respond in writing within 21 days of the date of issue of this letter. Representations should be sent to the above address.

Failure to respond will result in the Secretary of State making her decision on the information currently available to her representatives.

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