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Dear Mr. Mann,

Thank you for your letter of 18 July asking me to investigate an alleged breach of the Ministerial Code by the Prime Minister in relation to News Corp's BSkyB Bid.

I am satisfied that decisions on the BSkyB takeover were at all times taken properly and in accordance with the relevant legislation. The Prime Minister was not the decision maker. Nor did he seek to influence the decisions of the Secretary of State for Culture, Media, Olympics and Sport, Jeremy Hunt. The fact that he had meetings with Rebekah Brooks and James Murdoch last year is a matter of public record. The fact that the Prime Minister was not the decision maker meant that he would not have had to consult me before meeting them.

*Yours sincerely,
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