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*From the Cabinet Secretary*

Sir Philip Rutnam KCB

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Dear Philip

I regret your decision to resign as Permanent Secretary of the Home Office and to leave the Civil Service today. I appreciate that this has been a decision you have reached reluctantly and I am sorry that despite our efforts this week, we were unable to agree a mutually satisfactory outcome.

I am grateful for your devoted public service and excellent contribution over the course of your long and distinguished career in the Civil Service. I am grateful, too, for the commitment and dedication with which you have approached the significant senior leadership roles you have undertaken in the course of your career, particularly as the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Transport and the Home Office.

You have ever been mindful of the Civil Service values, demonstrated in the way you have conducted yourself in your roles. You should be proud of the difference you have made as a highly regarded colleague and a corporate leader upholding our values as the Civil Service Disability Champion and member of the Civil Service Board and Senior Leadership Committee.

On behalf of the Civil Service, I wish you and your family well for the future.

**MARK SEDWILL**