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JOINT INQUIRY INTO ANNUAL REPORTS ON STRATEGIC EXPORT CONTROLS

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Parliamentary Relations Department
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Dear Frank,

At their meeting yesterday, the Committees had an article drawn to their attention which appeared in the *Sunday Times* of 16 July.

The Committees have asked for a note on these allegations, to be with me by 26 July so that it can be made available to Members before the summer adjournment.

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SUNDAY TIMES ARTICLE ON QATAR/[REDACTED] - 16 JULY 2000

The Committees requested a note on the article on alleged exports to [REDACTED] via Qatar which appeared in the Sunday Times on 16 July.

I can confirm that the Government has not received export licence applications from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We have no reason to suspect that any of the UK companies mentioned in the Sunday Times article are attempting to evade UK export licensing controls or to supply false end user documentation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

decision has been made yet. This is not an export licence
application. I attach an explanatory note on

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