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David King
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Dear David

I refer to the acquisition by JPI Media Group of the businesses and substantially all of the assets of the Johnston Press Group.

In our Secretary of State's statement to Parliament on 19 November 2018 concerning the administration of Johnston Press, he noted that he has the power to intervene in certain media mergers on public interest grounds, as set out in the Enterprise Act 2002 (the "Act"). I am writing to advise that following consideration of the matter he has decided that the public interest considerations set out in section 58(2A) and (2B) of the Act are not sufficiently relevant to a consideration of the acquisition and accordingly he will not be intervening.

This letter is without prejudice to his ability to intervene if new or additional information comes to our attention.

We will publish this letter on the government's website.

Yours sincerely,

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