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The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 14 April asking whether I might accept appointment as Independent Adviser on Ministers' Interests. Thank you also for taking the trouble to speak to me separately about the role.

You invited me to offer some immediate reflections on the post, were I to accept appointment. I am also aware that you have since received a letter from Lord Evans, the Chair of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, outlining what are likely to be recommendations from his Committee about the terms of reference for the Independent Adviser.

I am grateful to have your agreement that those terms of reference will now be varied to stiffen the degree of independence of the post, and have seen the response that you are sending to Lord Evans. This revision of the terms of reference has anticipated what would otherwise have been my first task.

On this basis, I am glad to accept appointment as Independent Adviser. I look forward to serving you and the office of Prime Minister, and to playing a part in maintaining the integrity of the Ministerial Code.

Yours sincerely,
Dominic Grieve