The Iraq Fatality Investigations

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Dear Ms Braverman,

I refer to earlier correspondence between your office and my predecessor, Sir George Newman, in his role as the Inspector of the Iraq Fatality Investigations ('IFI'). Sadly, Sir George died in June 2019, and I was appointed as Inspector in October 2019.

In particular, I refer to the letter from your offices dated 4 August 2014 (copy attached for ease of reference) containing an undertaking limiting the use of any evidence given by a witness to the Investigation in any future criminal investigation or prosecution. The undertaking was provided in respect of any person who provides evidence to the IFI relating to a matter within its Terms of Reference.

On 4 November 2020, I was appointed Inspector to conduct an Investigation into the deaths in custody of Radhi Nama on 8 May 2003 and Mousa Ali on 13 May 2003. The terms of reference are attached to this letter. I therefore write to request confirmation that the terms of the undertaking set out in the letter from Kevin McGinty of 4 August 2014 will apply to any person who provides evidence in respect of the Investigation into the deaths of Mr Nama and Mr Ali.

The IFI are due to begin the process of identifying former soldiers who will be required to give evidence, and I hope to begin interviewing the same shortly. A response to this request as soon as possible would be highly appreciated so that the assurance is in place when soldiers give their evidence and / or sign their statements.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Baroness Heather Hallett Inspector of the Iraq Fatality Investigations

Encl:

Undertaking from the Office of the Attorney General dated 4 August 2014

Confirmation of Appointment and Terms of Reference dated 4 November 2020