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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Sir Laurie

Thank you so much for your report. I appreciate you taking on the work of Lord Geidt and finishing this review. It is right and proper that this very serious matter has been investigated rigorously and I am grateful to you for that.

I am glad that you have examined this dispute so thoroughly. I take seriously the need to treat others with respect and to avoid any suggestion of prejudice. As you say, this has been an unsatisfactory experience for both Ministers involved. But in the absence of clear evidence, it would not be right to take further action. I have spoken to both Ministers and encouraged them to heed your advice to pull together in the finest tradition of public service.

I am determined that the Government operates with integrity, professionalism and accountability. For that reason, I will be carefully considering your suggestions as to how we can better support Ministers as they leave Government.

I thank you again for your work.

Yours sincerely

Sir Laurie Magnus CBE