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*Dear Mr. Blunt,*

Thank you for your letter of 29 July.

I am pleased to confirm that it is my intention, subject of course to the agreement of the Prime Minister, to place the letter you refer to in the public domain once it has been sent.

I can also confirm that the Inquiry is receiving the assistance it requires from the Civil Service, as directed by the Prime Minister. That assistance includes not only the provision of human resources to support the Inquiry Committee, but also the completion of other tasks essential to the Inquiry's work, such as consideration of requests for the declassification of material from government documents.

As I said in my last letter, when Sir Jeremy and I met in early July we agreed both some steps that can be taken now to assist us in our work and the additional assistance the Inquiry will wish to call upon in its closing stages.

*Yours sincerely,  
Sir John Chilcot*

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