



Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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Dear Linklaters LLP


As you are aware, the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee has been investigating claims that it was misled during its predecessor Committee's 2009 inquiry into Press Standards, Privacy and Libel.

You wrote to the Committee on 18 August 2011 about the redaction of a letter from Mr Clive Goodman to Mr Daniel Cloke which was submitted by Mr James Murdoch as evidence to the Committee. As you are aware, the same letter was submitted by Harbottle and Lewis as evidence to the Committee but had been redacted in a different way.

We are grateful for your explanation of the matter, but would like further clarification on the following points:

- 1) Please provide some more detail on the advice given by the Metropolitan Police to Linklaters and News International on the subject of the redactions it had requested, either by means of a copy of the written advice or a copy of the note taken of any oral advice.
- 2) You state that no News International or News Corporation officer or employee took any part in the decision on what to redact. Please could you clarify whether or not any News International or News Corporation officer or employee was made aware of the extent of the redactions, specifying how this information was communicated, by whom and to whom.

Please send your response to the Committee secretariat using the contact details above. I would appreciate your response no later than noon on 12 September.

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**JOHN WHITTINGDALE OBE MP
CHAIRMAN**