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Dear John

In your letter of the 29 July 2011 you refer to the commitment I made to write to the Committee with further information as to how often I either spoke to or met the various Prime Ministers since I became Editor of the *News of the World*, of *The Sun* and Chief Executive of News International.

When I provided this response to the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, it was in the genuine hope and expectation that I would obtain access to my paper and electronic diaries to assist me with this task. Unfortunately, I do not currently have access to my diaries and contemporaneous records for this period and without access to such material, any answer that I give is likely to be inaccurate and provide little, if any, additional information to the Committee beyond the evidence I gave on the 19 July. I will endeavour to get this information to you as soon as I can. In addition, as there was no requirement for me to maintain a log of calls and meetings, even when I do have full access to my diaries and contemporaneous documents, it is unlikely that these will capture every time I spoke to or met the various Prime Ministers.

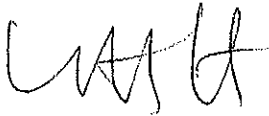
As with all meetings and contact with Media Executives I am sure that Downing Street would have kept records of the frequency of meetings and conversations held with the various Prime Ministers during this twelve year period. These records will be far more definitive than anything that I could supply and therefore be of more assistance to the Committee.

In relation to your letter of 16 August 2011, I was not involved in the settlement with Clive Goodman and the information provided in the letter of the 4 November 2009 was provided to me by Jon Chapman who has given evidence to you. The answer to the question relating to Mr Goodman's settlement is in fact prefaced with the sentence:

"I have asked Jon Chapman, News International's Director of Legal Affairs, to deal with this question directly and this is his response." The remainder of the answer is a direct response from Mr Chapman.

I am unable to provide any further assistance as to any discrepancy with the letter provided by James Murdoch on 11 August 2011.

Yours sincerely



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