Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
Prime Minister  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am extremely concerned by the apparent leak of confidential communications from the UK Ambassador to the US. This is the most recent example of what I fear is becoming a culture of leaks: such leaks are damaging to the UK’s reputation, impact on the government’s ability to function and undermine our relationships with our closest allies. I hope you share my view that we need a robust response to such leaks.

I am sure you agree that determining the source of the leak and to ensuring that the culture of leaking is stamped out is an essential duty of government. As such could you please confirm that you will be asking all the relevant departments with responsibility in this matter and expertise in discovering the facts to use their resources to help identify the source of this leak? Could you further confirm that as this leak itself appears to be a criminal act you will be supporting my call for the leak to be investigated by the Metropolitan Police Service?

I am also writing to the Foreign Secretary and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service and I attach copies of that correspondence.

We will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

TOM TUGENDHAT MP  
Chair