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Dear Sir Mark,

I am writing to ask you to undertake urgently an inquiry into the apparent leak from this week's National Security Council meeting concerning its reported consideration of the involvement of Huawei in the next-generation 5G network. I was deeply disturbed to read of the Government's decision via the media.

It is a matter of the utmost concern that leaks are apparently coming from the NSC. Such leaks not only potentially threaten our national security, but they also damage our relationships with key allies and undermine their trust in us. The matter has already been raised with me by some of our closest allies and partners and I know you will share my concern at the impact this could have on the reputation and, consequently, influence of the United Kingdom. This is particularly true for those with whom we share the closest intelligence networks.

It is essential that an inquiry is undertaken with immediate effect, not least to reassure our partners of our commitment to maintaining the secrecy of the information we share. I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest opportunity.

I shall be making this letter public.

Tom Tugendhat MP
Chair