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*Dear Foreign Secretary*

As you know, the Foreign Affairs Committee has recently undertaken work on the influence of corrupt money linked to Kremlin-connected oligarchs in the UK. In May, we published a report on *Moscow's Gold: Russian Corruption in the UK*, to which the Government responded in July.

As part of the Committee's follow-up work on this report, I am writing to ask if you or any of your Ministers have had any contact from Members of either House of Parliament requesting Government assistance for Russian associates since taking up their posts in the FCO.

We would appreciate a response by Friday 2 November. It is usual practise for us to place this letter and your response in the public domain, however we will consider carefully any advice regarding the appropriate degree of discretion with which you may ask us to treat this information.

**Tom Tugendhat MP**  
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Secretary of State

De Tom,

Thank you for your letter of 23 October on follow up to the Foreign Affairs Committee report on *Moscow's Gold: Russian Corruption in the UK*.

I can confirm that I have not had any contact from Members of either House of Parliament requesting Government assistance for Russian associates since taking up my role as Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Lord Barker of Battle requested a meeting with the Minister of State for Europe and the Americas at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, The Rt Hon Sir Alan Duncan MP, and his officials to provide a debrief of his recent visit to Russia. The meeting took place on 4 June. Lord Barker outlined his plan to reconfigure the company's shareholding in order to ensure that EN+ (the company of which he is Chair) remains compliant with US sanctions. Sir Alan noted this was a matter for EN+ to pursue with the US authorities, and that HMG did not take a position.

No other Ministers of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have had any contact from Members of either House of Parliament requesting Government assistance for Russian associates since taking up their posts.

Yours ever  
Jeremy

**THE RT HON JEREMY HUNT MP**