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NSC Unauthorised Disclosures: Investigation

Thank you for your letter of 25 April and I am sorry for the delay in responding.

Thank you also for your support on the importance of protecting government information. Regardless of the precise classification of the information being discussed, it is vital for the operation of good government and for the UK's national interest that the members of the NSC are able to have frank and detailed discussions in full confidence that the advice and analysis put forward there is not discussed or divulged beyond that trusted environment.

You asked about the steps the Government was taking in light of the unauthorised disclosures from the NSC on 23 April. As you will be aware, the Prime Minister commissioned an investigation which was carried out by Cabinet Office officials and included in scope all those attending the NSC.

It is the policy of successive Governments of different political parties not to comment on the detail of leak investigations. I cannot, therefore, disclose

particular investigative techniques or comment on personal information divulged in confidence.

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster set out further information to the House of Commons on 2 May in response to questions on the subject. The outcome of the investigation is set out in the Prime Minister's letter to the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP dated 1 May. The Prime Minister now considers this matter closed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Sedwill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MARK SEDWILL