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Dear Ben

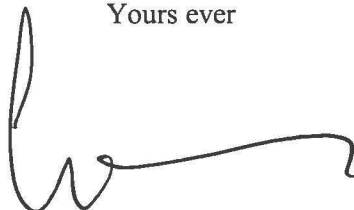
I was very surprised to read in The Times this morning that you had informed the Foreign Affairs Committee that I had written to you to “request assistance for Russian associates”. As you will recall from my letter to you, (attached for ease of reference) that was categorically not the case.

I stated explicitly that “*I have no ask of you or any other Parliamentary colleague*” which was and remains the case. I was simply offering you as a courtesy, (given the significant political interest over the summer in my company), a briefing on my high level discussions with the US Treasury and my on going efforts to remove a US sanctioned individual from the control of this globally significant group. However while we have an interest in the accurate disseminating and reporting of information, we have absolutely no need for your assistance nor any ask of the UK government, nor have I or would I ever presume to make one.

I quite appreciate that you chose not to meet but I do hope that you will have seen the numerous positive public comments of the US Treasury Secretary in respect of my on-going efforts as independent chairman of EN+ to remove Mr Deripaska’s control of this company which if successful, will represent an important development in US sanctions policy and a victory for good corporate governance at a London listed company.

In conclusion, I would be most grateful if you would clarify the impression given that I was seeking your “assistance” when that was clearly not the case.

Yours ever



**Rt Hon Lord Barker of Battle
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