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Dear Gordon

Thank you for your letter of 6 November to the Clerk of the Committee.

As your letter notes, the Committee is investigating the events surrounding the negotiation of the US-Libya Claims Settlement Agreement in 2008. Your letter states that you have no new information to provide, but that you would be prepared to answer any further questions we may have. We should be most grateful if you would kindly answer the following:

If you personally made representations to the US on behalf of the UK victims when the Government became aware that negotiations were taking place between the US and Libyan authorities.

If not, whether any representations were made to the US at Ministerial level?

Why the then Government was prepared to make representations to the US Government, but then was not willing to act unilaterally to pursue compensation from the Libyan authorities.

If you were aware of any role played by Tony Blair in the negotiations leading to the US-Libya Claims Settlement Agreement.

What your objectives were in establishing the FCO Reconciliation Unit. Was its purpose to facilitate the UK victims' claims, and not to lobby the Libyan government directly itself?

We would welcome your response on these matters.

Yours ever

Laurence Robertson