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Dear Mr. McDonald

Thank you for your letter of 9 February about allegations involving Volkswagen.

I appreciate that there is a lot of interest in this issue. As and when matters are brought to the attention of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) they are assessed in the context of the SFO's remit to investigate fraud, bribery and corruption. We are currently working with other UK and European bodies to assess this particular matter. Once our assessment is completed, we will be in a position to determine whether any alleged criminal offence, involving serious or complex fraud, falls within our remit to investigate.

The SFO's specific role is to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute cases of serious or complex fraud, including bribery and corruption. These are cases which call for the multi-disciplinary approach and legislative powers available to the SFO. These include:

- cases which undermine UK commercial/financial PLC in general and the City of London in particular;
- cases where the actual or potential loss involved is high;
- cases where actual or potential harm is significant;
- cases where there is a very significant public interest element; and
- new species of fraud.

You will appreciate that it is not always possible to provide comments in individual cases because it is important to ensure that any actual or potential investigation, or prosecution, is not disrupted or prejudiced. We do endeavour to provide information about our work publicly, usually through our website, when it is possible to do so.

Thank you for raising the matter with me.

*Yours ever
David Green*

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