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William

1. I am replying to your email to Wendy Harris below.
2. I can confirm that the Inquiries & Investigations Unit has no locus here, as "The Independent Public Inquiry" is not an official DH or government inquiry.
3. We cannot advise about DH involvement in the inquiry - this would be a matter for the relevant policy branch.

Happy to discuss

Joe

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Wendy,

Sorry we are experiencing email/address book problems and my previous email fell victim!
Hope this one arrives

Cheers

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Simon - Following our discussion yesterday, SofS had received the attached letter from Lord Archer and a reply has been requested by Pr Off, by tomorrow. I am not at all clear how I should respond, given that this is not an independent inquiry in the normal sense and we are therefore, I assume, not obliged to take any part in the proceedings. However, the department would not wish to appear uncooperative, for obvious reasons. In his letter Lord Archer appears to be requesting that a DH representative appears before his inquiry. Can you advise on what action we should take, if any, and provide a form of words which I could use when replying to Lord Archer?

Wendy - is this something your branch can advise on? Have there been any precedents for inquiries such as the one proposed?

Gregory - you will wish to be aware.

Copy recipients - I would be grateful for any advice anyone may have. It is clearly important that we cooperate where possible however, we do need to be very careful and ensure that we do

not become involved in an inquiry "through the back door" given that ministers across the UK have consistently declined requests for an inquiry.

I will copy yesterday's lines to take and briefing on this to those who did not receive it.

I would appreciate views at your earliest convenience please.

Regards

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Michelle Lucas

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William

Elizabeth

William,

Apologies for the tight deadline, but I would be grateful if you could provide some advice and a draft reply in response to the attached letter from Lord Archer, which has been passed to MS(PH), by Wednesday 21 February.

If you have any problems with this deadline, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Michelle

Michelle Lucas
Caroline Flint's Private Office
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