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Dear John

Thank you for your letter received by email yesterday. I am grateful for you setting out the position of the MPS following the representations made in my letter sent by email on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and posted next day.

I do however consider that you have either neglected or evaded the main issue set out in my letter. Specifically you suggest my concern lies with inaccuracies in the Johnston Review when my letter makes clear my primary concern is in regard to the obvious omission of significant and relevant facts, which were drawn to the attention of the Johnston Review.

These include facts about the level of oversight and senior engagement in the decisions to investigate the leaks complained of by the Cabinet Office following the conduct of a scoping exercise which identified relevant leads, reflected CPS advice and highlighted the prospect that members of Parliament may be involved in the leaks in some way. This, of course goes to the heart of questions of proportionality.

I do not wish to rehearse all of the omissions in this letter but they include facts in relation to Galley and Green's conduct and mindset, and facts, which demonstrate the proximity of the leaker to sensitive and secret material. This information was available at the time of the Review and goes to the heart of the question of proportionality raised in the Review's terms of reference with respect to both the investigation and arrests. I reiterate I am not alone in these concerns.

I would be grateful if you could indicate what percentage of the words redacted have been concealed on the basis that the words or sentences are inaccurate, misleading or incomplete.

Further you have implied that the review by the Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary, in which the Johnston report is to be published as an appendix, has taken account of the Johnston Review in its deliberations and conclusions. However, having read the draft of this document, I do not believe this can be the case as this review is forward looking and does not seek to test the accuracy or completeness of the Johnston Review. Therefore a whole series of relevant facts crucial to the public's understanding of this case will not be aired.

For example, you will be well aware the HMI's review does not adjudicate on the issue of proportionality, therefore the public and the media will only have the Johnston review as a point of reference on this and other important issues and will be misled if it is published without the publication of more a more complete account of the facts. By this I am not referring to the document 'Response by the Investigation Team to the Johnston Review' as you erroneously suggest. In fact I am referring to the report submitted by investigators to the CPS, which contains very little sensitive information and is capable of being redacted into a clinical account of established facts. Alternatively the MPS is perfectly capable of a producing an objective factual chronology that covers the period before and after the Johnston Review.

Further, you will also be aware that Green sought unsuccessfully to use the protection of 'parliamentary privilege' to prevent police examining documents recovered from his office, which were removed from the Home Office without authority, and other records which give insight into how proactive he was in procuring such material. This material was not available at the time of Johnston's review but underlines the nature of Green's conduct. This exemplifies the potential to create a wholly misleading picture of the investigation if the current approach is taken.

Once again I would wish to stress I do believe that it is essential for the police to maintain the highest standards of openness, transparency and accountability. It should not need to be said the police service has a unique position in society and have obligations to the public in this regard that others do not.

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