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INDEPENDENT CHAIRMEN AND STAFF: TERMS AND CONDITIONS - DRAFT GUIDANCE

Many thanks for your note of 4 July. The approach you suggest seems to me to strike the right balance between financial accountability and the avoidance of overburdensome procedures for what is a very small and highly trustworthy group of individuals.

- 2. I am grateful to you for pulling all this together, and I hope that others will play their part by responding promptly so that we are in a position to write to the individual chairmen this week.
- 3. You asked me about the last sentence of Annex B. I suggest you delete the confidentiality clause. If the chairmen feel that this compromises their ability to offer hospitality, they can always make the case to us. But, as you record, they do not seem to be contemplating much hospitality.
- 4. I take it that it is the Irish Government who have insisted on all the references to 'Great Britain and both parts of the island of Ireland'. This is a bore. But I fear we must bear in mind the possibility that we may need to publish some or all of this guidance at some stage. I think, as it stands, the repeated use of this 'the UK and Ireland'. This can doubtless also be argued against, but it seems to me to avoid flagging this issue in quite such an obvious fashion. Perhaps Mr Bell could try and persuade his colleagues to see sense on this point.

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