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Dear Mr Holmes,

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Michael Ancram has seen a copy of your letter to Dominick Chilcott of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has asked me to say that he agrees with Dame Jill Knight's opposition to special status for the BIIPB, if not for the final reason she gives. He believes it would not be a happy precedent.

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