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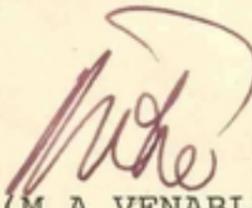
Dear Philip,

I wrote to you on 6 June with the draft text of a PQ on the problem found in relation to part of the stock of plastic baton rounds. Ministers here and in the Northern Ireland Office have now discussed this further and I attach a revised draft. The plan now is to answer the question in both Houses at 1530 today and follow this with an unattributable briefing to journalists by officials at 1600.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you are content with the revised text and the proposals for handling as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to recipients of my earlier letter.

Yours ever,


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