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DRAFT REPLY FROM PS/PRIME MINISTER TO MR LINDOP

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your further letter of 26 December in response to mine of 18 December.

As I said previously, it would not be appropriate for me to comment on any aspect of your case now that it is sub-judice. I must, however, take issue with your suggestion that the Government would take steps to imprison someone who had complained about it. This is simply not true. It is for the courts, not Government, to decide matters of guilt and innocence and, where appropriate, to award punishment.

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