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Dear Secretary of State,

I attach a copy of my Report into Liam Averill's escape from and the subsequent murder of Billy Wright at the Maze. I am very grateful to staff at the Northern Ireland Office and at the Maze, to political parties and interest groups involved in the peace process, and to the prisoners, all of whom made representations to me and to my small team.

This report was due to be with you at the end of January. It has been delayed while I gave officials at the Northern Ireland Office an opportunity to correct any factual inaccuracies. That process has been extremely helpful.

I am of course available for further advice if you require it.

A copy of this and the Report goes direct to Joe Pilling and, as a matter of courtesy, to the Home Secretary.

Yours sincerely

Martin Narey.

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Appendix 4 provides summary of recommendations