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THE PRIME MINISTER

16 July 2012

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 13 July, setting out the latest position on the Inquiry, and your expectations about the timing for submitting the report to me.

I recognise the efforts the Inquiry is making in its important task and very much hope that it will be possible to meet this new timetable.

I was sorry to learn of Martin Gilbert's illness. Like you, I hope his recovery will continue and that he may be able to rejoin the Inquiry.

I am content for you to publish this letter alongside yours to me.

I am copying this letter to Sir Jeremy Heywood.

Jm,
David

The Right Honourable Sir John Chilcot GCB