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Dear John,

Re: Investigatory Powers Bill, Independent Review of bulk powers

Following our recent discussions about the independent review of bulk powers, I thought it would be helpful to clarify the basic framework of the review.

As we have discussed the review will:

- a) Be carried out by David Anderson QC supported by a security cleared barrister, a technical expert and a person with experience of covert investigations.
- b) Examine the operational case for the bulk powers in the Bill, not merely in respect of the utility of the powers, but also their necessity.
- c) Have access to all necessary information as is needed to undertake the review effectively, including all information provided to the Intelligence and Security Committee.
- d) Take about three months to complete and will report to the Prime Minister in time for the findings to inform Lords Committee considerations of Parts 6 and 7 of the Bill.

I would be grateful if you could indicate that this is the agreed basic framework for the review as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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