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Dear Lord Stevenson,

I am writing to clarify a point that I made during yesterday afternoon's Report on the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill. During that debate I said that this House did not have a protocol on police access. The Clerk of the Parliaments has helpfully informed me that I was wrong on this point and such a protocol does exist; it was adopted in 2009. The relevant House Committee report with the text of the protocol appended can be found here: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200809/ldselect/ldhouse/74/74.pdf>

I am grateful to the Clerk of the Parliaments for this information and I would like to thank you for your suggestion that he should take note of our discussion on this point.

I would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that I have formally requested that the Public Bill Office amend the titles of Part 2 and Clause 3 to read "Serious violation of Second Protocol" and "Offence of serious violation of Second Protocol" respectively. As I explained yesterday, I anticipate this amendment will be made when the Bill moves to the Other Place following Third Reading on 13 September.

I am copying this letter to all Peers who spoke at Report Stage on 6 September and will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

Kind regards,

The Lord Ashton of Hyde
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

