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Dear Susan,

During the Lord Soames debate on the role of the Armed Forces and the UK's Defence Policy on 7th September 2023, you asked about the UK's commitment to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and about the American Base at RAF Lakenheath.

The UK remains committed to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The erosion of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation architecture has negatively impacted strategic stability. However, a fundamental component to our deterrence for now remains a minimum, credible, independent nuclear deterrent.

With regard to RAF Lakenheath, or indeed any wider UK or NATO site, it remains a long-standing policy to neither confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons at a given location.

I hope this explains the position.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

*Yours sincerely,
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