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HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BILL

Thank you for your letter of 1 April, following our meeting earlier that day to discuss the Holocaust Memorial Bill. Thank you also for our further discussion on 4 June.

I am most grateful for your commitment to ensure that security matters are fully and carefully considered as we take forward proposals for the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

When we met you kindly offered to provide a list of topics that I should put to the police, UK government security advisors and the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC); your letter then provided six questions along those lines. I have shared those questions as you recommended and I have personally met officials with responsibility for policing and national security matters for very helpful discussions.

As these matters are, very clearly, of great interest to Noble Lords across the House, I want to make the views of the professional advisers more widely available. I have therefore agreed with police and UK government security advisors a note setting out their response to the questions you proposed. With their agreement, this letter and the agreed note will be placed in the Library of the House.

I am copying this letter to Baroness Scott of Bybrook and to Lord Inglewood, Baroness Walmsley and Lord Strathcarron who have taken a close interest in matters relating to security.

Yours ever,

Lord Khan of Burnley
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