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Dear Sirs

SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING BAE SYSTEMS

Thank you for your letters of 18 December 2006, to the Director of the Serious Fraud Office, the Attorney General and the Prime Minister.

The decision which your clients suggest should be reviewed was taken by the Director of the Serious Fraud Office. Should any proceedings seeking a judicial review of that decision ensue, plainly the Serious Fraud Office would be the only proper Defendant.

It is apparent that a considerable amount of work will be required before a substantive response can be sent to you even ignoring the additional difficulties caused by the current holiday period. There is no basis for your suggestion of urgency. Although the position will have to be reviewed in the New Year, my clients currently propose that they will endeavour to produce their substantive response to your protocol letters by 19 January 2007. The freedom of information requests made will of course be responded to in accordance with the statutory requirements but it is too early for my clients to say more than that at this stage.

Please address any further communications to me.

Yours sincerely



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