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LETTER FROM THE LORD PRESIDENT, 3 NOVEMBER 2016

Thank you for your letter dated 6 October in respect of the above.

This has been a long-running issue, in which the Committee has, at different times taken a great deal of evidence – most recently from Lord Gill, my predecessor as Lord President. I, and my colleagues, were under the impression that this matter had concluded, or was about to do so. I am a little surprised that it has been raised once again.

I am of course happy to assist the deliberations of the Committee as best I can. However, I covered the major issues, as I saw them, in some details in my letter of 8 February. I referred in that letter to certain views expressed by Lord Gill with which I agreed. I am anxious to understand what further questions might be asked which I, or my predecessor, have not already answered. It would be helpful if you could set out for me the particular issues, in relation to this proposal, upon which the Committee would wish to take further evidence from me.

Lord Carloway.