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Dear Attorney General,

Investigation into the provision of false evidence to the High Court and Investigatory Powers Tribunal in relation to Agent X – Update

I am writing to provide a further update on the progress of the above investigation led by Sir John Goldring.

The investigative phase of Sir John's work is now substantially complete. As anticipated in my update in December, a first draft of the report is being finalised at time of writing and we anticipate the process of Maxwellisation will commence before Easter. The timing of this process (along with the subsequent security checking) will not be entirely within Sir John's hands, but it could be complex and protracted. The report will then be provided to the Prime Minister in accordance with section 234 of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 and the investigation's Terms of Reference. It is hoped that this will be done in the summer.

Sir John will produce both OPEN and CLOSED versions of the report, with the intention that the former should, in due course, be published. A CLOSED version of the report is inevitable due to the injunction which currently remains in force. This will be in addition to any matters identified during the security checking process which it is determined would be damaging to national security if made public.

Once requested by the Prime Minister, a version of the report will be made public. The precise timing of publication is subject to a number of other factors beyond my control, including the need to avoid any prejudice to legal proceedings. In accordance with the investigation's

Terms of Reference, copies of the final OPEN and CLOSED reports will be provided to the High Court, the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and the Home Secretary.

As with my previous updates, this letter is copied to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary and the Director General of MI5, and I have written in the same terms to the President of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Leveson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Brian Leveson
Investigatory Powers Commissioner