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Dear DCDI

Having scanned the Foreign Affairs Committee report of its "Inquiry into the Decision to Go to War with Iraq" I have some concerns. I am not clear whether I have any obligations with regard to these matters, nor the extent of any conflict which may exist between my responsibilities to the Department and the Government, and my responsibilities to Parliament. I write to seek your advice on this issue.

Your records will show that as ADI NBC ST, and probably the most senior and experienced intelligence community official working on "WMD," I was so concerned about the manner in which intelligence assessments for which I had some responsibility were being presented in the dossier of 24 September 2002, that I was moved to write formally to your predecessor, Tony Cragg, recording and explaining my reservations.

The Foreign Affairs Committee appears to consider it important that the Foreign Secretary told them, " that there had been no formal complaint from members of the security and intelligence services about the content of the [September 2002] dossier." I believe his evidence was, in fact, that he was not aware of any such complaint, and there is no reason to suppose he should have become aware of mine. Nonetheless, it is now a matter of record, and I feel very uneasy that my minute could be uncovered at some future date, and that I might be judged culpable for not having drawn attention to it.

I would be most grateful if you could consider this and advise me accordingly.

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