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*Dear Simon*

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2006 to the Prime Minister on behalf of one of your constituents Mr Lance Sexton, who feels there should be a public inquiry into the 7 July London bombings.

I have noted Mr Sexton's points but I can assure him that the Official Account into these events, published on 7 July, draws together the information across Government and from the police and intelligence agencies in order to establish clearly the events leading up to the 7 July bombings. It is intended to reflect what is known about the persons responsible for carrying out the attacks and how and why they came to do what they did.

In addition the Intelligence and Security Committee report, also published on 11 May, gave an independent assessment of the intelligence background to the attacks.

The Government has carefully considered the possibility of a public inquiry into the 7 July London bombings but concluded that this would not add to our understanding of the causes of those atrocities given the parliamentary and other inquiries which have been completed or are still underway. It would also divert the attention of our police and security services at a time when they are actively engaged in the continuing investigation into the events of 7 July and the detection and prevention of further atrocities.

Please pass on to Mr. Sexton that his concerns have been noted.

**TONY MCNULTY**