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Dear Dr. Fox,

Thank you for your letter of 8 March, which I received yesterday.

I am determined that the Iraq Inquiry will establish a reliable account of the issues surrounding the UK's involvement in Iraq between 2001 and 2009 based on the evidence, and identify lessons to be learnt.

As I said in my closing statement on Monday, the Inquiry will spend the coming months going through the many documents that we hold and comparing them with the different perspectives we have heard in oral evidence. That will show where there is an emerging picture and where there are still gaps and determine whom we invite to give further evidence in the next round of public hearings in the summer.

In the circumstances, I do not believe that it would be appropriate for me to comment further about future witnesses.

Since you publicised your letter to me, I shall be publishing this reply on our website at 10am tomorrow morning.

Yours sincerely



SIR JOHN CHILCOT