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Dear Prime Minister

As I am sure you are aware, National Security Checking of the Inquiry's report has now been completed, without the need for any redactions to appear in the text. I am grateful for the speed with which it was accomplished.

With your agreement, I should therefore like to set Wednesday 6 July 2016 as the date for publication of the report.

That will allow sufficient time for the Inquiry to prepare its 2.6 million word report for publication, including final proof reading, formatting, printing and the steps required for electronic publication.

If possible, I should like to place a copy of this letter on the Inquiry's website on Monday 9 May.

Yours sincerely,
John Chilcot

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