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Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States of America – Launch and First Round of Negotiations

Dear Lord Grimstone,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 May about the public launch of these negotiations and providing some information about the approach being taken in this first round. The International Agreements Sub-Committee has already taken a keen interest in this negotiation, and we welcome the Government's commitment to transparency and collaborative working with Parliament. We have today launched a short inquiry into how Parliament scrutinises the negotiation and conclusion of international agreements, and I hope to speak to you soon about some of these questions.

The International Agreements Sub-Committee will pay close attention to the Written Statement that is made after this two-week round of negotiations, after which I may write to you again.

I am copying this letter to Lord Kinnoull, Chair of the EU Select Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon. the Lord Goldsmith QC
Chair of the House of Lords International Agreements Sub-Committee