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Dear Huw,

I watched a recording of the Committee's meeting with the Secretary of State. I was surprised to hear you raise the issue of the acquisition of Air Europa in the context of the restructuring at British Airways. I addressed this issue when I appeared before the Committee in May and your report reflects the fact that the acquisition, if it proceeds, is being done by Iberia and will have nothing to do with British Airways. In giving my answer, I was aware of the requirement to answer questions "*put by the committee carefully, fully and honestly*" and that "*deliberately attempting to mislead a committee is a contempt of the House*".

I am amazed that having made clear that British Airways will not have anything to do with the funding of the acquisition that you continue to raise the issue and seek to "*understand the financial logic*". There is nothing to understand.

I would be happy to appear in person to address this issue with the Committee and to put my answer on the record, again, in case there is any doubt about my response.

Your sincerely,

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