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From the National Security Adviser

9 December 2022

Dame Margaret Beckett

EVIDENCE SESSION

Dear Dame Margaret,

I am writing to apologise for being unable to attend the evidence session on 12 December. Unfortunately our session clashes with short-notice essential international travel, and therefore I must apologise for having to change availability so late in the day.

I am keenly aware of the substantial effort on all sides to organise the session. The Committee's role in scrutinising the government is fundamental to the effective functioning of our great democracy, and I am eager to arrange another date in the new year, as well as to discuss the Integrated Review refresh ahead of its publication in February / March.

SIR TIM BARROW