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Dear Greg,

I am writing further to your letter of 12 October, relating to the invitation for Mr Dominic Cummings to give evidence to the Committee's inquiry into the new UK research funding agency.

My reply is on behalf of the Prime Minister, who is responsible for the conduct and oversight of all special advisers, including Mr Cummings.

I note the inquiry's published terms of reference are quite wide. In principle, the Government would be very willing to provide written evidence to any specific questions that you might have of the Government. In due course, the appropriate Government Ministers are also open to further oral evidence scrutiny before the Committee, in the usual way.

I am copying this reply to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

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