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Dear Mr Cleverly,

The Open Skies Treaty and New START

Thank you for your letter dated 5 November 2020, in response to my letter of 9 October 2020.

The International Relations and Defence Committee has discussed the letter, and welcomes the detailed and helpful information provided.

With regard to New START, your letter stated that “there remains time for a US administration and Russia to negotiate an extension before the treaty expires in February”, and that the Government has “been clear throughout that we value the Treaty and wish to see it extended”. In this regard, we hope and expect that the Government is continuing to engage with the US on the possible extension of New START.

Yours, as ever

Baroness Anelay of St Johns
Chair, International Relations and Defence Committee