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Dear Prime Minister,

On Tuesday, the Defence Secretary told the House that the target date for the publication of the Integrated Review was the first two weeks of February. However, on Wednesday you told the Liaison Committee that it would be premature to expect publication by mid-February.

I should be grateful if you would confirm when you now expect it will be published and whether it will be one document or several.

Delays to publication have to some extent been understandable; however this lack of clarity is unacceptable and a detriment to our Armed Forces. Without this strategic document, we have no understanding of the goals and ambitions for 'Global Britain', no reassurance that the Government understands the threats and risks that we face, and no clarity of what capabilities will be made available to our Armed Forces to defend and pursue our interests.

Yours sincerely,

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