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Dear Minister,

I refer to the UK-Hungary Agreement concerning the Protection of Classified Information which was laid before Parliament on 13 March. The Agreement was considered by the International Agreements Committee at its meeting on 26 March.

As you are aware, the Agreement provides a framework to facilitate the exchange of classified information between the UK and Hungary where this is necessary to pursue bilateral cooperation. In view of Hungary's increasingly close ties with Russia, did the Government make any assessment prior to concluding the negotiation of this Agreement of whether the security of UK classified information shared with Hungary could be assured?

I am copying this letter to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster as Minister with responsibility for protective security policy.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon. the Lord Goldsmith KC

Chair of the House of Lords International Agreements Committee

cc: The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Secretary of State in the Cabinet Office