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Dear Katrina,

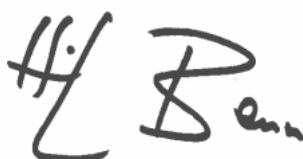
Following my appearance at the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on Monday 23 June 2025, I promised to write to you regarding comments I made about Operation Kenova.

I want to clarify that I have not yet responded to Sir Iain Livingstone on the letter regarding the recommendations in the Operation Kenova interim report but I aim to do so soon. As I said to you at the Committee, there is a process of consideration ongoing regarding matters concerning the request from Sir Iain to name the alleged agent 'STEAK KNIFE'. The Government will respond to Operation Kenova on both these matters, in due course.

Given the seriousness of the issues at hand, it is right that this is considered carefully. The matter is receiving attention and my officials have reassured Operation Kenova on this point.

Finally, and as mentioned at the Committee, I understand the Government's response to the interim report recommendations will be included in the final report. I can tell you that it is my intention to place my responses to Sir Iain in the library of both Houses of Parliament, once sent.

Yours sincerely,



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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND