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From Rt Hon Greg Clark MP and Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Chairs

Dominic Cummings
(By e-mail)

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Dear Mr Cummings

Thank you again for giving evidence to the Health and Social Care and Science and Technology Committees last week, and particularly for your willingness to give evidence for several hours.

During the session, you made several commitments to provide us with further documentary evidence; you also made several serious allegations for which we have requested you provide any evidence you might hold to substantiate these allegations. We are writing today to request this information, which is set out below. We have included footnoted references to the [transcript of the session](#) where relevant.

Firstly, in relation to allegations you made against the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, we request:

- Evidence for your claim that the Secretary of State was briefed by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser that not everybody who required treatment for covid-19 received it;¹
- Evidence for your claim that the Cabinet Secretary stated he had “lost confidence in the Secretary of State’s honesty”, including your contemporary note of this remark;²
- Evidence for your claim that the Secretary of State interfered to the detriment of expanding testing capacity during April;³ and
- Evidence to clarify what assurances you, the Prime Minister or Cabinet were given, and when, that patients being discharged from hospital into social care were being tested, and by whom these assurances were given.⁴

We appreciate that providing documentary evidence of these conversations may not be possible. However we are sure you understand that without further evidence we have to consider these allegations as unsubstantiated.

You also offered to provide various written exchanges of relevance to our inquiry. In particular, we would be grateful if you could provide:

- The text exchange between you and the Secretary of State on 25 January 2020 regarding pandemic preparedness;⁵
- Relevant written exchanges between you and the Prime Minister regarding coronavirus during January and February;⁶

¹ Q1017

² Q1018/Q1021

³ Q1062

⁴ Q1087/Q1102

⁵ Q947/Q949

⁶ Q969

- Texts between you, the Prime Minister and other relevant officials on 11 and 12 March, regarding your ‘plan B’;⁷
- Any other relevant exchanges during the period 11–17 March, and;
- Any relevant text messages you sent to brief journalists on covid-19 during 2020.⁸

During the session you also referred to several hard copy documents which you brought with you to the session, for example COBRA documents.⁹ We would also be grateful if you were able to provide us with copies of these documents as appropriate.

Before the session, you also tweeted about a “crucial” document that you would give to the Committees. We would be grateful to receive that document.

Finally, you made several statements regarding other aspects of the Government’s response for which it would be helpful to our eventual Report if you were able to provide more evidence on. It would therefore be helpful if you could send us:

- Evidence you have to further demonstrate that official thinking of Test and Trace as “an east Asian-style” system which the British public would not accept;¹⁰
- Evidence related to decision-making on border restrictions throughout 2020, particularly to substantiate your claim that this area of policy-making was driven by the Prime Minister; and;¹¹
- Evidence related to advice given in the lead-up to the introduction of tier restrictions in October 2020 and the second national lockdown in November 2020, particularly to substantiate your claim that the Prime Minister “ignored” advice around a circuit-breaker lockdown in September 2020.¹²

We appreciate that this is a request for a large volume of material. However, I am sure you will understand our need for this evidence.

We would be grateful if you would be able to provide the evidence requested above by close of play on **Friday 4 June** so that we are able to consider the material ahead of questioning the Secretary of State the following week. As is usual with the Committee’s correspondence, we will place this letter in the public domain.

Thank you again for the evidence you have given to the inquiry so far.

With best wishes,



Greg Clark MP
Chair, Science and Technology Committee



Jeremy Hunt MP
Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

⁷ Q998

⁸ Q1033/Q1034

⁹ Q1001

¹⁰ Q1002

¹¹ Q1091

¹² Q1159