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Dear Mr Lambert,

Thank you for your letter of 13 October to the Foreign Secretary about Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe who is detained in Iran. I am replying as Minister responsible for our relations with Iran.

I recognise this continues to be a difficult time for the Ratcliffe family. We have been supporting them since we were first made aware of her arrest and are in regular contact. I have met the family of Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe, most recently on 15 November, to assure them that we will continue to do all we can.

The Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary and I raised the cases of all our dual national detainees in Iran, including Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe's case, with our Iranian counterparts at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in September. I also regularly discuss our concerns with the Iranian Ambassador in London, most recently on 14 November, as does the Foreign Secretary with Foreign Minister Zarif. Our Ambassador in Tehran also raises her case at every opportunity.

We are ready to facilitate Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe's daughter's return to the UK if requested by the family. Her family in Tehran have confirmed that Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe is receiving treatment following medical complaints. We are aware of reports that Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe is subject to additional charges. We have not seen the details of these charges from official sources and are urgently seeking further information from Iranian authorities.

We are committed to doing all we can and will continue to raise our strong concerns about all British dual national prisoners in Iran, including Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe, at the highest levels in both London and Tehran.

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