

Letter from Simon McDonald, Principal Private Secretary to Jack Straw, to Richard Dearlove's  
Private Secretary.

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Dear [Private Secretary to C]

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Thank you for your letter of 3 December, which the Secretary of State has read. He thought the two papers very perceptive and hopes that the Prime Minister reads them. I am sending a copy of this letter to Sir David Manning.

Yours ever

Simon

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