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Dear Mr McQuade,

Thank you for your letter, and the accompanying documents, which you sent to the Committee Clerks on 8 November. I note that you requested that whilst you were content for the covering letter to be made public that you considered that the accompanying documents could not be provided on a public basis. It is my understanding that you proposed this approach as you considered that the accompanying documents could be potentially prejudicial to the on-going fire investigation.

The Committee has now considered the approach you have suggested for the provision of these documents to the Committee. The Committee does not consider it would be appropriate to receive the documents if it is not possible to make all the documentation publicly available. On this basis, the Committee does not wish to receive the documentation and the Committee Clerks are no longer in possession of the documentation you provided.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Herbert  
Clerk  
Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee