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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Sir Martin,

Thank you for your letter of 3 September and the accompanying copy of the Inquiry's final report into the fire at Grenfell Tower on 14 June 2017. I am responding formally and in writing to confirm I am content for the transfer of documents to the National Archive.

First of all, I want to state that I am grateful to you, the Inquiry Panel and the whole Inquiry team – past and present – for your hard work and diligence over the last seven years. The final report is a testimony to that collective effort, and I would appreciate you passing on my thanks to all those involved.

The report is as detailed as it is distressing to read, but I want to reassure you that the Government is giving every word of it the urgent attention it deserves. The first responsibility of any Government is to protect its citizens and keep them safe. Your report lays bare the fact that, amongst others, successive Governments have failed in that duty of care.

While your report acknowledges that some important reforms have been made since the fire, I would like to reassure you that the Government will take the necessary action to address these failings and to deliver a generational shift in the safety and quality of housing for everyone in this country.

I am content with your proposal to transfer the Inquiry record. I am mindful that such a transfer could include deeply personal and distressing information, so I would be grateful if you could ensure that the document owners are made aware of your plans too. I look forward to confirmation that the transfer has been successful and that the Inquiry has completed its terms of reference in full.

All best wishes,

The Right Honourable Sir Martin Moore-Bick

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