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Dear Ms Carnegie

We refer to your letter of 4 April 2011 requesting the submission of relevant evidence and your email of 7 April 2011 confirming that you will be responding to each of the letters we sent you in February but that you are "currently awaiting a final position from Government in relation to the Protocol before dealing with the outstanding issues". You indicated that we are unlikely to receive a response until after Easter. We are also aware that the lawyers acting for current or former detainees are still awaiting a response to a letter they sent on 22 February 2011. It is our strong view that it would be unproductive for the Inquiry to publish its terms of reference and the Protocol or for it to launch prior to responding to these unanswered letters from the NGOs and the lawyers. Please note that we do not consider it appropriate to submit any evidence to the Inquiry until the outstanding correspondence has been dealt with.

Further, since the meeting with the Inquiry legal team on 28 March 2011 we have given some thought to the suggestion of a seminar on the legal definition of complicity. On reflection we do not consider that this is necessary or desirable. For the purposes of the matters this Inquiry is investigating, the definition of complicity in domestic and international law is sufficiently clear and would plainly cover the types of conduct that UK officials are alleged to have been engaged in.

Yours sincerely

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