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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 11 August.

I was grateful for the tenor of your remarks. It has, of course, been the policy of successive Governments to tackle terrorism basically through the normal processes of the criminal law, and not resort to exceptional different approaches. That remains our basic approach. I do of course appreciate the very real difficulties and disadvantages that internment could bring. However I have made clear that it is not an option which we could ever discount entirely and it is therefore kept under review.

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