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*Dear John:*

The Eighteenth Report of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights (SACHR) is being published and laid before Parliament today. I am also making available to Parliament copies of my letter to the Chairman of the Commission in response to the Report. I enclose a copy of both of these.

*James / Owen  
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*Dear Dr Alderdice*

**STANDING ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS EIGHTEENTH REPORT**

Unfortunately, the first page of yesterday's letter from Sir Patrick Mayhew to Charles Hill was incorrect. Please remove and destroy, and replace with the attached page.

I am sorry for any inconvenience.

*Richard Langford*

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*Niam Charles*

I acknowledged receipt of the Standing Advisory Commission's Eighteenth Report in my letter of 28 May and undertook to send you a response. I now propose to publish the Report and lay it before Parliament on Thursday 1 July. At the same time, I shall arrange for a copy of this response to be placed in the Libraries of both Houses of Parliament, following the usual practice.

I very much appreciate the independent insights which the Report provides to me, and I was greatly interested by the innovative device of submitting a subjective essay on the handling of human rights issues in the criminal justice system. The Report, together with its Annexes, provides a measure of the commitment shown by you and other members of the Commission in providing advice on an exceptionally wide range of important and difficult issues over the year. I am also grateful for the kind remarks you make about the co-operation and assistance the Commission has received from officials. I now turn to the substance of the Report.