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Dear Jeremy,

On 24 April 2012, the issue of phone calls between you and James Murdoch was addressed during evidence given to and released by the Leveson Inquiry.

An email from Frederic Michel to Matthew Anderson at 11.23am on 15 November 2010 had the subject line, 'Hunt is calling JRM re-tonight – problem'.

Another email from Frederic Michel, sent at 11.32am on 15 November 2010 to James Murdoch, said 'Jeremy tried to call you. He has received very strong legal advice not to meet us today as the current process is treated as a judicial one (not a policy one) and any meeting could be referred to and jeopardize the entire process. Jeremy is very frustrated about it but the Permanent Secretary has now also been involved... You could have a chat with him on his mobile which is completely fine.'

During the oral evidence session at the Leveson Inquiry on 24 April 2012, Robert Jay QC asked James Murdoch about 'telephone calls to or with Mr Jeremy Hunt' on 10 November 2010 and 15 November 2010. Although Mr Murdoch could not recall the exact content of the conversations, he said 'there might have been a desire to update [Jeremy Hunt] on the process and what we were hearing'. Mr Murdoch also said that 'One call was about a meeting that he cancelled at the last minute, and I think he apologised for having to cancel the meeting because his lawyers had told him not to, but I don't know if it's one of those calls.' This would appear to refer to 15 November 2010.

In light of these emails, I would be grateful if you could tell me:

- Whether phone calls between you and James Murdoch took place on 10 and 15 November 2010
- If so, if any records were made, and by whom
- If you were advised not to meet representatives of News Corporation, and if so by whom
- What the involvement of the Permanent Secretary was.

Yours sincerely,



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