

The Rt Hon John Prescott MP
House of Commons
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Dear Mr Prescott

I refer to your letters of 9th July and 21st August 2009.

I apologise for not replying to your letter of 9th July, but I had assumed that your enquiry had been answered by my telephone call to you on that day, when I informed you that our investigation in 2005/06 did not uncover any evidence to suggest that your phone had been tapped.

For your information, at the time of our investigation, police did inform and provide briefings to those individuals who fell into the category of Royal Household, MPs, Cabinet Office, police and military (ie, national security concerns) and who we knew and could evidence had had their voicemail called by Goodman or Mulcaire. As for "victims" who fell outside these categories, it was agreed with the phone companies that they would research, assess and address whether or not, and to what degree, their customers had been the subject of contact by the suspects and they would then take appropriate action to reassure their customers and introduce preventative measure to ensure this type of interception did not recur.

I am satisfied therefore that we did take appropriate action at the time and trust the position is now clear.

Yours sincerely



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