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Dear Mr Sands

CORRECTION OF EVIDENCE

On Tuesday 11 February I responded to a question from Senator Ray on the number of Cabinet documents returned by Dr Wooldridge by stating that, while we were not yet precise to the last document, it would be of the order of 600.

We have now completed a check of our records of the documents returned and destroyed and I have also discovered that I made an error when adding together numbers of documents of different types in a working paper I brought to the Committee's hearing. I am now sure that the number of documents returned by Dr Wooldridge and destroyed by the Cabinet Secretariat was 720.

I apologise for this error, which I hope will have caused no inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

Peter Hamburger
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