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Email: Alex's Jay Correspondence

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[Out of scope]

In addition, FM wishes to have a call with Prof Jay today. He has suggested 1715.

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Regards

Colin McAllister

Chief of Staff



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Many thanks,
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Subject: Call with Professor Jay

FM,

You talked with Professor Alexis Jay on evening 26th November. The call focused on the issue of child sexual exploitation.

Professor Jay explained that an important underpinning consideration for any investigation into childhood sexual abuse was the ability to draw on comprehensive, and accurate data, evidence and information. It would be essential to establish the consistency of

definitions of child sexual exploitation in use across Scotland in different areas and agencies. There was clearly work still to be done to provide that picture.

In this respect, Professor Jay indicated that it was necessary to consider information beyond details of the investigation of complaints by the Police, but also to include the collection of valuable information about cases that may be contained in social work or other third sector records.

Professor Jay indicated that the concept of a “truth process” could be valuable in establishing a deeper understanding of the experience of victims of childhood sexual abuse and that similar approaches had been effective in other cases.

You agreed with the Professor that you would have a further discussion in the coming days as your thinking develops further on next steps.

Best wishes,

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