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Dear David

Joint Opinion of Lord Pannick QC, Desmond Browne QC and Antony White QC

Further to my letter of August 18, I have now secured agreement of all those involved to share with you the above Joint Opinion on the exemplary damages provisions of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 and Article 10. It is attached to this letter.

The Opinion was written in January 2013, shortly before the Act was passed by Parliament, but I am not aware of any amendments that affect the thrust of its argument.

It is worth noting that we shared the Opinion with the Government during our negotiations over the Royal Charter in the spring of 2013. However the Culture Department refused to divulge the Opinion on the same subject which they had commissioned.

I hope this is helpful to your deliberations.

Yours sincerely

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