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Dear Mr Smith,

I am writing about the 27 July 2022 Restriction Notice ('RN'). The attached GLD letter dated 26 October 2022 helpfully clarifies that:

"the Notice does not impede or prevent the Chair's ability to investigate the matters contained within the Schedule Material or hear evidence regarding it, nor does it affect his ability to include the Schedule Material in his report should he require. The handling restrictions simply control how the Schedule Material and any CLOSED report (or section of a CLOSED report) which refer to the Schedule Material should be handled in CLOSED and limits the readership of the material (and therefore excludes disclosure of it to those who do not already know the information contained in the Schedule Material)."

Please could you confirm that this is your understanding of the RN and handling restrictions, and also state whether you consider any amendment is necessary to §6 of the Restriction Notice to ensure that the RN provides no impediment to the Chair including the Schedule Material in a CLOSED report should he wish to do so?

Yours sincerely


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