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THE PRIME MINISTER

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*Dear Sir Nicholas,*

Your 2013 Annual Report mentioned that your extra-statutory functions could be put on a statutory footing through a formal Direction issued under section 59A of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000.

I subsequently wrote to you on 23 June 2013 to confirm that I intended to issue a Direction to formalise two of your extra-statutory functions: first, your oversight of compliance with those aspects of the Consolidated Guidance on Detention and Interviewing of detainees by intelligence officers and military personnel for which you have responsibility and second, your oversight of Security Service agent participation in criminality. In my letter I confirmed the latter Direction would be secret (ie non-avowed) given the potential damage to national security were its existence to be made public.

I have now issued these two Directions and enclose copies herewith. I will provide further details about the Consolidated Guidance Direction in a Written Ministerial Statement today.

I informed Parliament of my intention to issue a Direction about the Consolidated Guidance in my statement following the publication of the Intelligence and Security Committee's report into the murder of Fusilier Lee Rigby.

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Your continued oversight of these two areas of the Security and Intelligence Agencies' activities is important and I hope you are satisfied that your work in this regard is now properly formalised through these statutory Directions.

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I look forward to seeing your next Annual Report in due course.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Dillon*

The Right Honourable Sir Mark Waller

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