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Dear Ken,

Asil Nadir

Thank you for your letter of 25th August. I thought I would answer in Oliver's absence

I accept that there is nothing I can tell you that is going to get you to change your mind about the fairness of the Nadir trial and I am sorry to have to write in these terms to someone with as notable a career as a true and loyal Parliamentarian as you. But it is clear that you have not accepted what has already been explained. It has been explained to you that it is not open to me to confirm or deny that there were any PII applications in Nadir's trial. You believe there were. It has been explained to you even if there had been PII applications, the trial judge would not have allowed the trial to continue unless the trial was fair.

In response to your letter I would make these three points. First, that you will have received a separate letter responding to the FOI request you make. Secondly that on the basis that I cannot confirm or deny that any PII applications were made, your request that I identify Ministers who signed certificates cannot be answered either. Thirdly, you write that it is alleged that I have reneged on a deal to return Nadir to Turkey. I can assure you that I have had absolutely no involvement in any decision on where Nadir should serve his sentence.

Finally I am concerned that your letter and its claims appear to suggest that we have in this country a corrupt and perverse criminal justice system. I firmly believe that this is not the case.

Yours ever

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