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Mr Tam McFarlane
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12 February, 2014

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dear Mr McFarlane,".

Thank you for your interesting letter of 3 February.

I note all your points and empathise with many of them. I am a former soldier, so the service mentality runs thickly in my veins.

I do appreciate that there is only so far you can go before a professional service runs the risk of imploding and not delivering.

I have written to the Brandon Lewis, asking for his comments to your letter, and will reply to you when I receive his.

Finally, let me reassure you that I respect and admire the brave men and women who man your Service. We are indebted to them all.

Thank you for your letter and the concerns you raise.

My warm regards.

Yours sincerely

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