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Dear Secretary of State

Thank you for our conversation back in November regarding the drone sightings above RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall, which are both in my constituency. The briefings I received were helpful, and warmly appreciated.

I am writing now following credible reports of Russian links to the incidents. An investigation by *The i* tracked the movement of three individuals with apparent links to the Kremlin, two of whom reportedly worked as fruit pickers.

According to the investigation, one of the individuals, who was only yards away from the perimeter of RAF Mildenhall during the drone incursions, has regularly appeared in the Russian embassy in Berlin. Another, who visited remote areas around RAF Mildenhall several times, had previously been to the largest Russian military facility in Tajikistan, and returned there following the drone activity.

This is obviously concerning for local residents. While I understand the need for discretion with issues of national security, I also believe it is important to be as transparent as possible. I am therefore writing to ask you to make as much information public as is sensible, and to request a further private briefing from your team.

I should also take the opportunity to reiterate my concern that Russian interest in the bases, and the hybrid methods favoured by the Russian military and security and intelligence agencies, mean that the battery energy storage systems proposed as part of the Sunnica solar and battery farm, located next to RAF Mildenhall, present an obvious target for sabotage and arson. I ask you to investigate this risk and intervene quickly before construction on the project begins.

Yours sincerely

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