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*Dear Mr Gibson*

When I wrote to you on 25 September I undertook to provide a briefing on my return from the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners.

I attach a copy of the conference resolution on the subject of privacy in the digital age. You will see that the conference was concerned about the impact on citizen privacy of the sort of activity highlighted by Edward Snowden. I should be grateful if you would draw this to the attention of the Committee.

The Committee may also wish to be aware of the conference organised by my French counterpart CNIL. The European Data Governance Forum will take place in Paris on 8 December examining the topic 'Privacy, Innovation, Surveillance: Which Ethical Framework for Europe?' I attach a copy of the draft programme.

The European Data Protection Authorities, meeting in the Article 29 Working Party, are in the process of drawing up a declaration on surveillance and privacy which, I anticipate, will be signed at the Paris meeting.

I hope this is helpful.

*Yours sincerely  
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