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Dear Mr Murphy,

The Maltese High Commissioner in London has passed on your letter to him dated 8 August, and the subsequent document delivered on 9 August.

The Government of Malta takes its responsibilities under the European Convention on Human Rights very seriously and wishes to reassure you, and the family of Ms Caruana Galizia of that fact.

The legal opinion that you sent us is being actively considered, and this letter should be read as an interim reply, given your request for swift feedback during August.

We are disappointed though that an Opinion by such an esteemed chambers contains a number of unsubstantiated claims, baseless innuendo, and incorrect information. It is regrettable.

It must also be made clear that the Magistrate leading the inquiry into the murder of Ms Caruana Galizia has unfettered discretion and freedom. The Prime Minister has stated publicly that he, and the Malta Police, are free to go wherever the evidence takes them – without fear or favour. Our judiciary is independent and impartial.

The investigation itself is one of the most resource intensive investigations in the history of Maltese law enforcement. As you rightly pointed out three suspected perpetrators have been charged, and the investigations in to those others who may have been involved continues at pace. Significant resources are still being utilised in this case from both the Malta Police and Maltese Security Services, but I would not expect them to provide a running commentary in the public domain.

Additionally, the Maltese authorities are working closely with international law enforcement bodies, and recently the Executive Director of Europol has publicly clarified the ambiguous

statement made by her predecessor about international liaison. I bring this to your attention as this is something your client has raised in the past.

Furthermore, without prejudicing our supplementary response to your Opinion, we must express our disappointment that you consider the Government to be 'hostile' to Ms Caruana Galizia's family. We have done nothing but work diligently with international law enforcement partners since her tragic murder and work assiduously to track down and bring to justice those responsible. Naturally there is frustration about how long this is taking, but this is not abnormal in complex investigations such as this.

As previously stated, we will provide a further reply in the near future.

Yours faithfully,



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