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*Dear Constituent*

Thank you for your email about the case of Jagtar Singh Johal.

I would like to begin by assuring you that Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) staff have been working hard to provide assistance to Mr Johal and his family, and that representations are regularly made on behalf of Mr Johal to the Government of India.

I am told that the Foreign Secretary raised Mr Johal's case with the Indian Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, on 15 December 2020. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for South Asia and the Commonwealth, last raised Mr Johal's case with the Indian High Commissioner on 28 January 2021, and with the Indian Foreign Secretary, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, on 3 November 2020. Lord Ahmad has also met with Mr Johal's family on a number of occasions, most recently on 27 January 2021.

Mr Johal's welfare is a priority, as is ensuring his ongoing access to his legal representatives. The UK's consular staff continue to visit Mr Johal regularly.

I appreciate that this is a desperately difficult and distressing time for Mr Johal, his family and many in the Sikh community and I will continue to follow this case closely. However, in light of the regular and ongoing diplomatic efforts on the part of FCDO Ministers and officials, I do not think it is necessary for me to contact the Foreign Secretary or the Prime Minister.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can ever be any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*Yours Sincerely*

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