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Dear David,

I am writing to thank you for the privilege of having served in your government for the past year. As I step down from the Home Office-and, as you know, I told you a few months ago that I thought the time was approaching to do this- I look back on my time in the Coalition with some satisfaction. When I accepted the post of Minister for Security and Counterterrorism I hoped that I would be able to contribute in particular to the implementation of the policy issues on which I had worked while we were in Opposition. And I am pleased that I have been able to do this.

It has been a particular pleasure to see the concept of national security as we conceived it reflected in the National Security Strategy and to have participated in the work of the National Security Council which has quickly established itself as an important part of the machinery of government.

I have also been able to contribute to the essential rebalancing of security and liberty in the review of counterterrorism powers, the replacement of mistaken multiculturalism by an integration strategy which I hope will embed itself as a central feature of the Big Society, and to the redirection of the Prevent strategy which is nearing completion.

Cyber Security is now established as a front line priority for the government- indeed for the country- as a whole and serious work is in hand on developing a long term strategy.

You can count on me to continue to give the government, the Conservative party and your leadership strong support and I stand ready to take on assignments from you in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Julie

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