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UK Friends of Bradley Manning

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Dear Ms Colvin,

Thank you for your letters of 5 February to the Foreign Secretary and Jeremy Browne about Bradley Manning. I have been asked to reply.

We understand your concerns about Mr Manning's treatment. Foreign & Commonwealth Office Minister, Henry Bellingham, recently spoke in Parliament about Mr Manning's situation. The transcript of the debate can be found here -

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110404/debtext/110404-0004.htm#11040438000002>

Although we understand your concerns, this is a matter for the US authorities. We consider that conditions in US prisons generally meet international standards. Solitary confinement is a procedure used in many countries to offer protection both to the inmate and those around them. It is for Mr Manning's legal representative to challenge his treatment if he judges that it fails to meet international standards.

You should be aware that on his blog on 2 February, Mr Manning's lawyer wrote "PFC Manning does not hold a British passport, nor does he consider himself a British citizen". Regardless of nationality, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has a duty to respect Mr Manning's privacy and a legal responsibility to protect personal data. I am therefore unable to comment on this matter any further.

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Julie Hannan