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I would like to add a particular word of thanks to Monica for her role. She has been a tower of strength to you.

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Thank you both again for all you have done. I look forward to working with you throughout the final months of the present Commission.

Yours ever

Raymond

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