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Dear Mark,

The Prime Minister will wish to be aware that Sir Kenneth Newman will be making public tomorrow a new handbook on the Principles of Policing and Guidance for Professional Behaviour for the Metropolitan Police. I enclose a copy.

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In broad terms, the statement of Principles sets out the fundamental aims and duties of the force in modern conditions. It emphasises the need for the police, in enforcing the law, to uphold the rights of individuals and co-operate with the public in preventing crime. The Guidance for Professional Behaviour aims to translate these principles into practice; to give individual officers the positive help and guidance they need on the handling of difficult day to day policing tasks involving the exercise of discretion; and to inspire a commitment to the highest professional standards.

The Home Secretary has been fully consulted during the preparation of the handbook and he most certainly supports its aims.

The Commissioner plans to announce publication of the handbook by the issue of a press release tomorrow, embargoed until 3.30pm. The Home Secretary will make this known to the House through an arranged Question, and the Commissioner will be sending a copy of the handbook personally to each London Member.

Yours ever,
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