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Jean Comfrent,

RE: JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL

Thank you for your recent correspondence about the case of Jagtar Singh Johal; your comments upon which I have read with great interest and compassion.

I would like to assure you that Foreign, Commonwealth & 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.

Having made enquiries following your correspondence, I am advised that the Foreign Secretary raised Mr Johal's case with the Indian Minister of External Affairs, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, on the 15th 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 the 28th January 2021, and with the Indian Foreign Secretary, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, on the 3rd November 2020. Lord Ahmad has also met with Mr Johal's family on a number of occasions, most recently on the 27th 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 have raised your views regarding the efforts to secure Mr Johal's release with the Foreign Secretary. I shall, of course, continue to follow this case closely.

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

With best wishes,
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