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The Rt Hon. Dominic Raab MP
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Dear Dominic,

RE: Black Lives Matter

Firstly, may I thank you and everyone at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for everything being done to help during the coronavirus pandemic, particularly the help being given to bring home UK Citizens who were overseas and struggling to find a way home.

I know that, like me and everyone in Carshalton and Wallington, you would have been equally horrified by the tragic death of George Floyd in the United States.

I am writing to you to express the anger and solidarity of the Carshalton and Wallington residents who have been in touch with me regarding George's death.

Not only were they expressing their sympathy with George's family, but raising their concerns with me about the continued prevalence of racism, not just in the USA but worldwide. I am pleased to learn the police officer responsible has been arrested on charges of second-degree murder, and his colleagues were similarly arrested for aiding and abetting second-degree murder. I also understand that there will be a Federal review. I hope that the UK will be kept informed about the progress of this review.

I would be very grateful if you could reaffirm the FCO's commitment to stamping out racism at home and overseas, and express the strength of feeling in the UK to our counterparts in the USA.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elliot Colburn', written over a horizontal line.

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