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Dear Elliot

Thank you for your letter of 3 June to the Foreign Secretary about the protests in the US. I am replying as the Minister for the European Neighbourhood and the Americas.

We condemn the death of George Floyd and we hope and trust that justice will be done. As one of America's staunchest friends and allies, we join the American people in their grief at this difficult time. All citizens are equal before the law and that principle is as important to Americans as it is to us here in Britain.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have both spoken publicly to condemn the death of George Floyd, to express concern at the violence we have seen and to underline people's right to protest peacefully. Our Embassy in the US has raised the issue of the protests with the US Administration

However, it is important not to lose sight of the fact that America remains a beacon for freedom, opportunity, democracy and openness. True racial equality is a challenge for all of us. Now is the time to listen and learn from those communities that face discrimination and work together to put an end to this injustice.

Yours ever

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