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I am very grateful to you for the many reviews that you have conducted in role as independent reviewer of counter terrorism legislation. They are an invaluable assessment of the application and effectiveness of the legislation.

As you are aware, I am announcing today the government's intention to introduce a Counter Terrorism Bill later in this year. To coincide with this announcement I am publishing a paper setting out possible measures that such a Bill might contain. I intend to consult widely on the proposals for the bill prior to introducing any legislation.

I am now writing to ask you if you would produce a report on our proposals for the bill. I am aware that the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 requires that the independent reviewer analyse the implications of any proposed legislation on the operation of that Act. I would, with your agreement, seek to expand the scope of your analysis to encompass all the proposals for the counter terrorism bill.

I hope you will agree that this expansion is a natural and sensible extension of your role and has precedent in the report you produced in advance of the Terrorism Act 2006 - *"Proposals by Her Majesty's Government for changes to the laws against terrorism"*.

My officials will of course be happy to continue to provide you with all the administrative support necessary to carry out this work.

Thank you again for your valuable contribution to ensuring our counter terrorism legislation is responsive and effective.

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JOHN REID