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Dear Secretary of State,

RE: Brigadier Priyanka Fernando

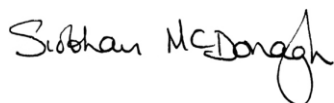
I am writing regarding Brigadier Priyanka Fernando, the former Military Attaché of the Sri Lankan High Commission in London. As you will be aware, Brigadier Priyanka Fernando was last year filmed repeatedly running his finger across his throat in an attempt to intimidate members of the Tamil community.

As you will be aware, a trial took place in his absence on 21st January of this year in the Westminster Magistrates Court and he was found guilty of two charges under the Public Order Act. Brigadier Priyanka Fernando was issued an arrest warrant without bail.

A number of my constituents have contacted me raising the serious accusation that a meeting then took place between the Sri Lankan High Commissioner and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that led to the arrest warrant being withdrawn.

Please can you outline whether this is indeed the case and, if so, on what basis the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has sought to intervene in the judicial process?

Yours sincerely,



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