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Dear Ms Flannery and Mr Hockney

Thank you for your letter of 11 September 2019 to the Home Secretary concerning an inquiry into the policing of events at Orgreave on 18 June 1984 and its aftermath. You are receiving a response from an official in accordance with procedures for handling ministerial correspondence during the pre-election period. I am replying as Head of the Police Integrity Unit.

The Government's decision of 31 October 2016 that there would be no inquiry into the events at Orgreave was made after careful consideration of the key purposes of an inquiry and, critically, took into account how the policing landscape had fundamentally changed at all levels since 1984. Those changes included major reforms to criminal procedure, changes to public order policing and practice, stronger external scrutiny, and greater local accountability. The Government concluded that there would be very few lessons for the policing system today to be learned from any review of the events and practices of over three decades ago. That decision can be found here:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2016-10-31/HCWS227>.

In response to continued demands for a public inquiry, the former Home Secretary (Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP) considered the merits of the case for an inquiry made by the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign (OTJC) and developments since the original decision was made. He was of the view that the position remained unchanged and upheld his predecessor's decision. I am aware he informed you of that in a letter of 10 December 2018 in response to your correspondence of 31 October 2018 on this subject.

In response to a Parliamentary Question tabled on 02 September asking whether the Home Secretary planned to hold an inquiry into the events at Orgreave (PQ 284434, Paul Farrelly MP, <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284434/>), the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service answered on 08 October that "There are no plans to

review the Government's decision of 31 October 2016 not to establish a public inquiry into the policing of the events at the Orgreave coking plant on 18 June 1984."

This remains the most recent Government statement on the matter.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Cordy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Cordy".

Michael Cordy

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