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The Home Secretary,
Home Office,
United Kingdom Central Authority,
448, 50 Queen Anne's Gate,
London SW1H 9AT
United Kingdom.

Dear Sir,

LETTER OF REQUEST (SUPPLEMENTARY): 'OPERATION TUREEN'
RE: James Onanefe IBORI, Christine Omatie IBORI-IBIE,
Adebimpe POGOSON and Udoamaka OKORONKWO.

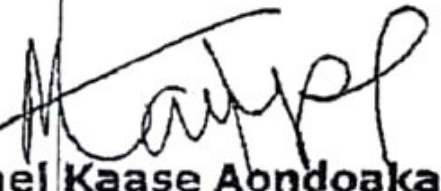
I write in respect of your request for Mutual Legal Assistance ref. FPS.DMW dated 30th August, 2007 but received in October, 2007.

2. The said request emanated from David M Williams, Crown Prosecutor of the Fraud Prosecution Service, CPS London who is not the competent authority to make such request under the Mutual Legal Assistance Agreement between the Government of The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Concerning the Investigation and Prosecution of Crime and the Confiscation of the Proceeds of Crime, 1989. The person designated for The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as the Central Authority competent to make a request for mutual legal assistance is The Secretary of State for the Home Department. I cannot therefore accede to your request as it is not in compliance with Article 3(1) & (2) of the agreement between our respective Countries.

3. Turning to your request for evidence, I understand that your officials have been cooperating closely with officers of EFCC in relation

to the UK investigation into Mr. Ibori. Certain materials provided to you, which are not placed before me may prove useful in any prosecution which may be undertaken in Nigeria against Mr. Ibori in respect of corruption allegation so as to effectively rely on the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty. This is in line with the express provisions of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and your own interpretation of same as conveyed in your letter No. ML 104/165/1918 dated 8th November, 2004, copy of which is annexed hereto.

4. A perusal of your earlier response declining our request for a mutual legal assistance in respect of Joshua Dariye established that a request shall be declined where no proceedings have been instituted against the subject persons in Nigeria.
5. Any evidence available to you may be forwarded to me for evaluation or use in reaching a decision to prosecute in Nigeria.
6. A copy of this letter is endorsed to The Crown Prosecution Service.
7. Please accept the assurances of my warm regards at all times.



Chief Michael Kaase Aondoakaa, SAN
Hon. Attorney-General of the Federation and
Minister of Justice