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Dear Carwyn,

RE: Wales Report Interview 25/01/2017

I write this letter following your Wales Report interview with Huw Edwards on Wednesday 25th January where I noted, with great disappointment, the false assertions made by yourself in respect of my willingness to participate in Wales' Brexit strategy.

During this interview, you stated:

"At no time has he (ARTD) said he wants to be a part of a process to work out what the journey should be for Wales."

I regret that your inability to reflect the truth in a televised interview has forced me to formally write seeking an apology for your actions which have distorted my position. In light of your false assertions being made publically, I would expect your apology, which will assert the truth, to be made equally as publically.

I enclose herewith a copy of a text message sent to you from myself expressing my willingness to work alongside you to help shape a new landscape for Wales – a text message which you acknowledged receipt of. I would further point out that you have chosen not to approach me, despite this being indicated in your reply.

Following this personal offer of assistance I have made many subsequent offers publically and would like to draw your attention to one made as recently as in your statement of this week whereby I stated:

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"On the third question then, if I'm not going to get any answers from you today, will you reach out to all sections of political opinion to make sure that their views are represented in the negotiations going forward from Wales, because clearly, from the parties in front of me, those views were not represented in the outcome of the referendum? And it is important that all opinions are taken into account so that Wales's voice can be heard clearly, loudly and, above all, making sure that the commitments we require are returned to Wales, and that does mean that every penny that Wales is due is received here in Wales and spent here in Wales."

Your misleading remarks are regrettable, and only highlight your refusal to acknowledge and engage with myself, and the Welsh Conservative Party on matters of such vital importance for Wales.

Though I have stressed both in a private and public arena, the importance of reaching out to all political opinion on this matter, it is deeply disappointing that you have chosen to ignore my offers and intentionally mislead the public.

In light of your remarks, and the evidence provided herein which falsifies their validity, I seek your apology.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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