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Dear Mr. McKay,

Further to our correspondence with Mr. Pateman of your office, we hereby formally acknowledge your invitation to attend an oral hearing of the Committee's inquiry into the Sale of NAMA Assets in Northern Ireland.

PIMCO desires to be of assistance to the Committee's inquiry, and we are considering your request in light of the recent press reports regarding the opening of a criminal investigation by the PSNI and NCA. You will understand that PIMCO would not want to take any steps which could be seen to be prejudicing an ongoing criminal inquiry. We would be grateful if you could indicate the advice which the Committee has received in this regard.

It would also greatly assist us if, in accordance with paragraph 16 of the Guidance to Witnesses Before the Committee, the Committee could give a more specific description of the nature of inquiry of ourselves. In light of the potential for overlap with the criminal process, we would be grateful if this could be provided to us in writing.

Yours Sincerely,

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