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Dear Mr Mullin,

MR FRANKLIN WILKINSON – R60852

I met with you on 21 April 2009 to discuss the case of Mr Wilkinson, who is a Category 'A' prisoner held within the High Security Estate, currently at HMP Long Lartin.

I undertook to inform you of the decision with regards to the future categorisation of Mr Wilkinson following a review which I have completed today chairing the Category 'A' Review Committee.

The delay in considering Mr Wilkinson's case was due to having to wait for the outcome of a judicial review that he had initiated. This judicial review, in the end, was abandoned by Mr Wilkinson, so the review of categorisation could go forward.

The Categorisation Committee acknowledged the distinct improvement in attitude and, indeed, educational attainment during Mr Wilkinson's sentence but noted that he was resistant to engaging in accredited offender-related programmes based on the fact that he did not acknowledge his guilt on this offence.

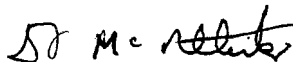
The Committee also considered Mr Wilkinson's age and health and the fact that he recently attended a sentence planning board at Long Lartin where he stated that he was willing to comply with the cognitive self-change programme assessment process. Mr Wilkinson has been referred to the Programmes Team at Long Lartin for the assessment for the CALM course in the first instance.

The Review Committee noted that the long-standing impasse with regards to Mr Wilkinson's resistance to engaging in offending behaviour seems to be being

resolved. Given his favourable behaviour in custody, the length of time served and his presenting attitude now, it was felt that, on balance, it would be appropriate to downgrade Mr Wilkinson to Category 'B' and that he should be encouraged to continue to engage with the cognitive self-change programme.

If I can be of any further assistance to you on this matter please let me know.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McAllister', written in a cursive style.

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DIRECTOR OF HIGH SECURITY