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On behalf of my Government I congratulate you in your new role as Minister for the Commonwealth and the United Nations.

The Cayman Islands has a good relationship with the United Kingdom and I look forward to getting to know and work with you for the betterment of the UK and the Overseas Territories.

I am in receipt of a copy of the letter you sent to the Hon. Dr. Rufus Ewing, Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands, reassuring the OTs of the United Kingdom Government’s continued commitment to us and your personal commitment to the JMC as the primary forum of political dialogue between the UK and OT governments. The OTs are an integral part of Britain’s life and history and the people of the Cayman Islands are proud of our connection to Britain.

I appreciate your acknowledgement that the Territories have wide-ranging interests in the EU through the current associate status and that the implications of the referendum will be a key priority for our discussion.

Thank you for your efforts to continue to champion the interests of the Overseas Territories across Whitehall to ensure our interests are fully taken into account. I agree that the UK’s exit from the EU also provides an important opportunity to recalibrate our valuable relationships.

There is much to build on, and through efforts such as the Joint Ministerial Council of Overseas Territories Heads of Government held annually in London, we can continue to address areas of common interest and continue to improve the UK’s understanding of our aspirations and priorities.

As you take your place as Minister I personally invite you to visit the Cayman Islands. While it would be our distinct honour to welcome you in your official capacity, we would be equally delighted if you chose the Cayman Islands for a holiday.

I look forward to working with you and your Government toward a stronger partnership between the United Kingdom and the Cayman Islands.

Yours Sincerely,

Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA

Premier