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Dear Rupert,

It was good to meet you again in New York last earlier this month. I enjoyed our conversation and, as ever, found your views both insightful and stimulating. Thank you very much for your letter of 12 October and Jim Webb's book which I will read with interest.

We spoke about the Globalscot network and I am delighted that you have agreed to become a member. You might find the following information about Globalscot helpful.

Globalscot is a prestigious, international network of Scots, and those with an affinity for Scotland, who are committed to advancing Scotland's economic success. Scotland is one of the most transformed global economies, with sectors such as finance, electronics, life science, energy, tourism, chemicals and food and drink dominating our modern and increasingly diverse economy. Over 900 Globalscots – all senior international business leaders – are making an invaluable contribution to Scotland's continued transformation. I regard Globalscot as an elite sales force for Scotland and I consider it is a huge complement to our nation that leaders such as yourself have agreed to contribute.

Throughout the world Globalscots are supporting Scotland's most promising companies, providing advice on their strategies and operations, and helping them to identify and exploit growth opportunities. Globalscots are also helping to open doors for Scottish companies and raising the profile of Scotland's economic ambitions.

As a high profile Globalscot member I believe that your participation would send a powerful signal about Scotland's ambition and our determination to pursue greater economic prosperity.

My office would be very happy to work with your people to agree how we might best announce your membership of the Globalscot network. One obvious opportunity might be to make the announcement around the time of the opening of the News International Plant, in Glasgow, on the 30 October. If you are happy to proceed on this basis can I suggest that your office contacts Robin Naysmith, my Principal Private Secretary at [robin.naysmith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:robin.naysmith@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or on +441312445218.

Again, it was really good to meet you again last week and I am most grateful to you for agreeing to become a Globalscot. I look forward to welcoming you to Globalscot and to Scotland very soon.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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

**ALEX SALMOND**