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Dear Mr Ahilakumaran

Thank you for your email of 20 October 2011 attaching a letter about the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting and alleged war crimes in Sri Lanka. As you will know by now, the President of Sri Lanka decided against visiting Auckland at the time of the Rugby World Cup.

I attended the meeting in Perth. It became clear that among Commonwealth members there was no majority in favour of holding the Sri Lankan Government to account.

The United Nations Secretary-General's Panel of Experts report remains on the table. He has referred it to the Human Rights Council in Geneva. It is likely to be discussed at the March session of the Council.

New Zealand remains willing to co-operate with the international community in considering appropriate investigative mechanisms to bring justice and accountability to the victims of the Sri Lankan war.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Murray McCully', written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Hon Murray McCully  
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