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Subject: RE: 08/12/20 Cabinet Minute Check

Hi [NR]

Please see the amended version below, edits are highlighted in red.

Many thanks and best wishes,

[NR]

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Hi [NR]

Really grateful if you'd be able to check the minute text below of Chris's words from this morning's Cabinet.

Grateful for any comments **by 1400**, but let me know if that won't be doable.

Many thanks,

[NR]

THE GOVERNMENT'S CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER said that the vaccine was a triumph for medical science and the NHS' ability to deliver. The end was in sight, but was still quite a long way off. Common sense and scientific modeling showed that the second wave of coronavirus in the UK was not yet over. If the virus took off again from this point, its prevalence in the country was already high. Looking at what **was happening** to case numbers in the US following Thanksgiving (a shorter holiday period than Christmas) showed what could happen in the UK. The situation could still go badly wrong between now and the start of March, despite the fact that this was predictable, preventable and the end was in sight. **It was important in messaging out we make clear it is too early to lower our guard.** Science would rescue the nation from the hole it was in by the spring, but not before then.

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