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Dear Jay,

I have encrypted this e-mail as it contains a few sensitive details following on from our requests for a meeting. Thank you for being so responsive and agreeing to talk to us tomorrow. In terms of your request that we give an initial sense of the ask this is as follows.

In essence, Chinese authorities have made a preliminary determination of a novel virus, identified in one patient with pneumonia in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China. Wuhan has a population of 19 million and is the capital city of Hubei province - population 58 million. As of 06/01/2020, 59 patients with pneumonia of unknown aetiology have been reported. PHE is starting to do initial planning across several possible areas of response, one of these this areas relates possible enhancements at applicable ports but to do this we need to understand traffic volumes to see what is practical and proportionate.. We believe that there is a direct flight from Wuhan to London Heathrow three times a week and there are five to six direct flights per week to Paris, and three per week to Rome. We would like to understand/estimate

- 1) Numbers of British travellers/transit travellers flying from our airports to the city via these routes who are likely to return/transit through the UK
- 2) Numbers of travellers from the City to the UK, including if possible via through tickets from Paris and Rome as was done for Ebola when through tickets via Casablanca were examined
- 3) The main airports where these travellers arrive. We suspect Heathrow is the main point of entry but there are many flights from Paris and Rome to regional airports.

Please can you let us know

- 1) Whether it is feasible to get these estimates
- 2) The time it would take to get them.

I have copied in our Incident Control. We are very grateful for any assistance from the NBTC and Home Office that can be provided.

Best wishes

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