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Dear Mr Ferguson

We have received notification pursuant to section 67 of the Companies Act 1990 of the following interest in the issued share capital of Abbey plc.

Effective Date	Notification Date	Shareholder	No. Shares	% of Issued Share Capital
10.07.2003	16.07.2003	Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited	6,452,156	18.93%

Of this holding 47,800 units are registered in the name of Nortrust Nominees Limited, 84,600 units are registered in the name of Citibank Nominees Limited and 6,319,756 are registered in the name of Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited, as registered owner only, on behalf of a range of clients who are each the beneficial owner of a portion of the shareholding.

Yours sincerely  
For and on behalf of  
ABBEY PLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Dawson".

David J Dawson  
Company Secretary