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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.

<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Notification Date</b>	<b>Shareholder</b>	<b>No. Shares</b>	<b>% of Issued Share Capital</b>
28.06.2004	30.06.2004	Bank of Ireland Nominees Limited	5,772,579	16.94%

Of this holding 37,970 units are registered in the name of Nortrust Nominees Limited, 84,600 units are registered in the name of Citibank Nominees Limited, 62,904 units are registered in the name of Royal Bank of Scotland International Ltd and 5,587,105 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', is written over the typed name.

David J Dawson  
Company Secretary