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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 |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------------|
| 09.12.2010 | 14.12.2010 | FMR LLC | 3,400,000 | 14.04 % |

Yours sincerely For and on behalf of ABBEY PLC

David J Dawson
Company Secretary