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Dear Mr Hunt,

Thank you for your letter about the tragic event which took place in London last year. I understand your concerns about the potential impact on Czech society of the outcome of the recent trial. I can only repeat my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Makar for their devastating loss.

The British Embassy in Prague is unable to comment on individual cases. But we can confirm that this case was dealt with in accordance with UK laws and legal processes. Decisions on prosecution are independent from the Government and made by the Crown Prosecution Service. Neither the Government nor the Embassy can influence the decisions made by the jury - nor can they ask for further explanation of the decisions made. Court decisions do not fall under the Freedom of Information act, so not even the British Government can force the Crown Prosecution Service to disclose information relevant to the case.

The British Embassy in Prague is in close touch with the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as with the Czech Embassy in London, to provide all necessary support.

Yours sincerely,

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