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Andy McDonald MP  
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Dear Andy,

I read with concern your reported comments on Sky News on Sunday.

As you know, both the Chakrabarti report and Jeremy Corbyn's statement yesterday made clear that comparisons between Israel and Nazi Germany constitute a form of antisemitism.

I was disturbed, therefore, that you appeared to do exactly that on Sunday:

*"As an MP I had the privilege with the Holocaust Educational Trust to go over to Auschwitz and take over the enormity of that atrocity and that has absolutely shaped and formed my thinking and to see what such an abomination that was.*

*"At the same time I've also travelled to the West Bank and seen what life is like on a daily basis for Palestinians."*

As the chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust made clear in response, your comments are highly offensive.

Jeremy Corbyn acknowledged yesterday the pain and hurt caused to the Jewish community by antisemitism within the Labour party.

In that spirit, I would ask that you urgently retract your comments and issue a public apology for them.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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