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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
18.08.2011	19.08.2011	FMR LLC	3,400,000	15.01 %

I would confirm that the shareholder has not acquired any further ordinary shares in Abbey plc over the 3,400,000 previously advised. Their percentage holding has increased following the recent buying of 46,509 ordinary shares by Abbey plc of its own shares on 18 August 2011.

Yours sincerely
For and on behalf of
ABBEY PLC

David J Dawson
Company Secretary