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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>
24.01.2011	25.01.2011	Gallagher Holdings Limited	10,166,544	43.19%

I would confirm that the shareholder has not acquired any further ordinary shares in Abbey plc over the 10,166,544 previously advised. Their percentage holding has increased following the recent buying of 140,000 ordinary shares by Abbey plc of its own shares on 24 January 2011.

Yours sincerely  
For and on behalf of  
ABBHEY PLC

David J Dawson  
Company Secretary