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To: Detective Superintendent John James, Major Incident Complex, Fratton Police Station,
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MESSAGE:

Dear Detective Superintendent James

RE: OPERATION ROCHESTER

Thank you for your telephone call last Thursday, when you told me that CHI was to receive a copy of my report.

I have since had discussions with my medical defence organisation. They confirm my view that whosoever reads my report should sign to that effect and I should be provided with a list of those who have read the report. This may help ensure its confidentiality its maintained.

As I also mentioned it may be helpful if you direct your attention, that of the Crown Prosecution Service, and also Mr David Perry QC to the indictment in the case of R v Postill to which the defendant recently pleaded guilty at the Chelmsford Crown Court and for which she appears for sentencing on 19th October 2001. This indictment was drawn to the attention of Counsel by Judge Levenson (who as you know appeared in the Rosemary West case) and apparently as an alternative to the charge of manslaughter. It is an offence of 'Endangering human life or health by negligence contrary to Common Law'. I understand that the sentence imposed under these circumstances is at the discretion of the Judge—but Mr Perry may be able to advise us on this matter. Certainly it does not appear to require the exactitude of evidence that a charge of manslaughter requires.

In due time I look forward to receiving a list of those who have had access to my report.

Yours sincerely

Brian Livesley

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