

**OPERATION ROCHESTER**

**Allegation of Unlawful Killing of Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO COUNSEL DATED**  
**16 March 2001**

Counsel is sent herewith for his information a set of documents which has been submitted to Casework Directorate from the Hampshire Constabulary via the Portsmouth Branch of the Crown Prosecution Service.

The facts relating to the allegation are contained in the letter dated 11 December 2000 from Detective Chief Inspector Burt in Volume 1 of the papers.

Counsel is asked to advise on whether there is evidence to charge the following persons with the unlawful killing of Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards.

1. Dr Barton
2. Philip James Beed
3. Margaret Couchman
4. Christine Joice

If Counsel requires any further material or a conference to discuss the case, he is asked to contact those instructing him as soon as possible.

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