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Dear Detective Superintendent Williams

### **OPERATION ROCHESTER**

I enclose:-

- 12 individual letters to the relevant family members in respect of the 10 substantive cases sent for consideration. The details of the recipients are based on the recent information which you have kindly supplied.
- Copies of these letters for your information.
- 10 separate notes relating to my conclusions in respect of each of the 10 files. These documents are of course sent to you on an "in confidence basis".

I have concluded that there is insufficient evidence disclosed in the papers supplied by the police upon which to prosecute anyone.

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange for:

1. The doctors concerned to be so notified via their legal advisors or whatever arrangements you may have with those concerned.
2. For the relatives concerned to be so notified by delivery to them of the enclosed letters.

Hopefully it will be possible for you to coordinate all these actions together. I realise this may involve much effort and skill. I note that the police will also need to notify the 35 or so "professional stakeholders" of the decision.

I have asked the CPS HQ press office to liaise with your press office.

As you know meetings with you and the families can be arranged if necessary and Counsel have confirmed that they are prepared to participate.

I hope what I have written is clear. If I can be of any further assistance let please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely

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