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**Expert Witness - Prof. LIVESEY** 

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**D/Supt JAMES** 

Sir.

I have been tasked to conduct research into previous occasions where Professor Brian LIVESEY has acted as an expert witness on behalf of the Police Service. You were keen to communicate with other SIO's who could offer an opinion particularly in respect of his delivery of evidence in court.

I have contacted the National Crime Faculty and asked for details of other cases that the professor has been involved with. I have identified 4 other cases that are current much the same as our own Operation Rochester. They are as detailed below.

1<sup>st</sup> August 2000, Northumbria Police SIO

9<sup>th</sup> November 2000, Wiltshire Police SIO

5<sup>th</sup> January 2001, South Wales Police SIO

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22<sup>nd</sup> January 2001, Thames Valley

None of these are as advanced as Operation Rochester in that he has not yet reported his findings and will therefore be of limited use to us.

SIO

The most relevant case to us is the case of Philip REED who was the subject of a joint investigation by South Wales Police and Gwent Constabulary in 1998-9 and resulted in a successful prosecution for attempted murder. The SIO Det Supt Andy McKIAN I understand is known to you and can be contacted on Code A

who was the case officer and sought her opinion. Like us I have spoken to Code A their enquiry was surprised at the unequivocal nature of Prof LIVESEYS report. They also considered a range of cases and when LIVESEY was not convinced that criminal acts had taken place he said so. However he was clear that some of REEDS actions were criminal and clearly evidenced his findings.

His evidence was presented in Laymans terms to the Jury and when challenged by the defence team expert (whose name escape Code A clearly won the argument. Code A is obviously impressed by his performance and recommends contact with Det Supt McKIAN. You may wish to speak with him directly.

