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Subject: Various media issues re OP ROCHESTER & THORNHILL

Ray/ Pauline,

As you are aware this afternoon I was contacted by Jonathan CARTER of the News asking for a meeting to discuss some information that he had regarding our investigation of a death at Gosport Memorial Hospital. When he arrived he also had something to say re GRIMSON I will deal with them separately below;(persons to whom this is copied may have only a limited interest in certain aspects)

1. ROCHESTER - You very helpfully e mailed to me the 'if asked' press strategy which was very useful in my meeting with Jonathan. He immediately indicated to me that he had recieved a telephone call from Mrs Gillian Mc KENZIE, she told him that the PCA had just released its findings in respect of a discipline enquiry regarding two Detectives from Gosport including a DI. Jonathan said that he had called C/Supt BASSON & had confirmed this.

Mrs Mc KENZIE went on to tell him that we had launched a further investigation into the death of her mother at Gosport WM Hosp. Jonathan went on to say that other enquiries he had made with a 'source' indicated to him that this may be another 'Shipman' and that it was a story worth following - he mentioned the surprisingly accurate figure of 600 possible related deaths.

Without confirming anything else, I gave him almost verbatim the 'if asked' line and he will quote that I am sure.

Jonathan intends to run the story soon and will I suspect go on the line of a possible mass killer.

Ray; I know that you have spoken to the Health Trust - could you also warn the relevant CPS re this. It may act as a catalyst for an earlier response. Also it may be helpful to speak with Mrs Mc KENZIE to effect some damage limitation.

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The above for info of all concerned - obviously Jonathan now has a new good source.

Ray & I will speak tomorrow.

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