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Ms E McAnulty
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Dear Ms McAnulty

Mr Phillip BEED, Margaret COUCHMAN and Christine JOICE

I am writing to notify you that on Friday 10th August 2001, I received written confirmation from the Crown Prosecution Service informing me of Senior Treasury Counsel's advice regarding the matters about which the above were interviewed by the Police.

The advice is that, based on the papers submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service by Hampshire Constabulary, there is insufficient evidence to support a viable prosecution against any of the above named with regard to the death of Mrs Gladys RICHARDS.

As Senior Investigating Officer for the enquiry I have accepted this advice.

In the absence of any other significant evidence being forthcoming no further action will be taken against the above in relation to the death of Mrs Gladys RICHARDS.

I must advise you that following publicity concerning the enquiry into Mrs RICHARDS death a number of members of the public have contacted the enquiry team expressing concerns about the circumstances attendant to the deaths of relatives who had died at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I must further advise you that we are conducting preliminary enquiries to determine whether or not these other matters should be the subject of a more intensive police investigation.



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I anticipate that these enquiries will be completed within the next six to eight weeks. I will advise you at the earliest opportunity of the outcome of our investigation.

Yours sincerely

J JAMES
Detective Superintendent