

**Morgan, Stephanie**

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**From:** Whiting, Adrian  
**Sent:** 05 April 2001 13:48  
**To:** Woodford, Mike; Morgan, Stephanie; **Code A**  
**Subject:** Portsmouth News

Mike, Steph **Code A**

For your info, Mr Basson has sent a copy of the attached letter to the News, as discussed.

Thanks, Adrian Whiting



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# HAMPSHIRE Constabulary

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I would invite you to consider the appropriateness of correcting this matter, but would certainly ask you to correct your cuttings file so that any future reference to this matter is properly represented.

Yours faithfully

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