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Dear Chief Superintendent Stevens,

**WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, GOSPORT**

I am writing this letter as a result of my conversation with Helen Street earlier today concerning the incomplete enquiry into my step-father's untimely death at the above hospital on 26 September 1998.

My step-father was Arthur Denis Brian CUNNINGHAM, who was admitted into this hospital on 21 September with serious bed-sores, as outlined in various papers sent by me to the Hampshire Constabulary some considerable time ago. He died on 26 September, apparently from Bronchopneumonia.

I eventually received a letter from Detective Superintendent J JAMES informing me that he had decided the police would not be making any further enquiries into patient deaths at this hospital, and offering me the opportunity of an interview to explain his position. The interview did not take place at the appointed time for reasons outside my control and, despite a telephone promise to the contrary by Kingston Crescent Police, Portsmouth, has never been re-convened.

This leaves me with the very uncomfortable feeling that certain individuals in the police, in whom we place our trust to conduct a thorough investigation into all the facts to uncover wrongdoing, have taken a unilateral decision to drop this case before even speaking to potential witnesses. Surely something is amiss here.

I understand I am not alone in my concerns about this hospital at the very time Mr CUNNINGHAM met his fate, and that others are equally concerned about the depth of police enquiry.

Although frequently away from home, I am sure arrangements could be made to assist you in any way possible if that is your wish, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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