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Dear Sirs

**Deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital:**

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the above. I apologise for the lateness of my reply but I have been absent from the office until recently due to a serious injury from which I have just recovered.

The present situation is that I am considering opening Inquests into a number of the deaths at the Hospital. Some of the deceased persons concerned have been cremated and before I can proceed further, I need consent from the Ministry of Justice to do so. I have requested this consent and am in discussion with the Ministry about it. I anticipate that a decision will come from the Ministry in the near future and I will contact you again at that stage.

Yours faithfully

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