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Dear Mr Close,

Arthur Denis Brian CUNNINGHAM (deceased 26 Sep 1998)

I refer to our meeting in your office on 14 March 2007 relating to the death of my step-father at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

You will recall that you decided to take no further action in this case on the basis of the expert opinions of Prof Black and Dr Wilcock even though I expressed strong reservations about the accuracy of their reports which had been produced some seven years after the event. You also refused to let me see or have copies of those reports.

It will be noted that my step-father's death was one of 10 similar deaths (out of 92) that were recently the subject of an inquest at Portsmouth, and that the verdict of the jury was that 5 of the deaths under consideration were due to drug overdoses. This included my step-father.

During our meeting, you said that consideration would be given to reopening the criminal case into the death of my step-father given the production of new evidence. That time has arrived on a number of grounds, as follows:

1. The verdict of the inquest jury
2. Having eventually acquired copies of the Black and Wilcock reports, both are demonstrably incorrect in a number of ways having been compiled from inaccurate and misleading police witness statements taken in 2005.
3. The more recent acquisition of expert medical reports compiled by Prof Ford and Dr Mundy, both in 2001. Their opinions are at variance with those of Black and Wilcock and are uncontaminated by the police witness statements referred to above.

I would appreciate a further opportunity to meet with you to discuss the above issues in the company of my legal representative, and look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

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Charles Stewart-Farthing