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 Evidence Unit

Sir David Calvert Smith QC  
 DPP  
 50 Ludgate Hill  
 London

1 July 2002

Dear Sir,

**Mrs Gladys Richards**  
**Decd. 21.8.1998**  
**Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

Case papers relating to the death of my mother were submitted to the CPS (Mr. Paul Close) by the Hampshire Constabulary in January 2001. Advice was obtained from Mr David Perry and I was subsequently informed there was insufficient evidence for a prosecution.

During conversation with a Police Officer an alleged remark was attributed to Mr David Perry that diamorphine lead to pneumonia and the query over the cause of my mother's death was that it was due to pneumonia. Other similar cases have now been brought to the attention of the Police.

As of the 13th June 2002 I have seen a copy of my sister's statement to the Police (Mrs L F Lack) and a copy of the death certificate. The death certificate in itself is highly irregular and there is no reference to the incident at the Registrar's office when the death was reported.

I questioned my sister last week on the omission and she informed me she had been told it was a different issue. I enclose a copy of part of a Statement of Complaint to the Hampshire Constabulary dated 27 April 1999.

I would submit the evidence of my sister (a nurse of 40 years experience) that there was no indication of pneumonia and she has repeated this and the significance should have been submitted to the CPS. Mrs Lack was an eye witness during the last weeks of my mother's life, like myself. The administration of hyroazine four days continuously before death would have made mother 'dry as a bone'. I can also state emphatically having sat with dying patients before – there was absolutely no indication of pneumonia.

I cannot understand how no-one has up until now queried the highly irregular write up on the death certificate and would allege the death certificate – was written up in advance of death in the same way as a rehabilitation patient painfree on admission was written up and administered diamorphine at once. Dubious palliative care drugs were written up at the same time.

Yours faithfully,

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PS. I request the delay in sending up this letter. I have been harassed by the ETTI Report published 3 July which upholds all my claims.