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Mrs M Bulbeck

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Deputy Chief Constable

Dear Mrs Bulbeck

Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital

I thank you for your letter dated the 2nd September 2002 concerning our investigations into matters at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and especially my letter to you dated the 19th August 2002.

At no place in my letter do I state that the alleged unlawful killings are not in the public interest. What I do say is that the Crown Prosecution Service, in law, are responsible for determining the public interest and it is they who determine whether or not criminal charges are then brought.

Whilst I fully appreciate your opinion I will not acquiesce to you making allegations against me that I have suggested that cruelty is of no concern to the public. Those assertions are blatantly untrue and are nowhere contained in the correspondence to you. Our intention to submit all the evidence to the Crown Prosecution Service indicates our determination to ensure that we have tested the relevant facts in this case with regard to potential criminal proceedings.

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keep you advised of our actions in relation to this matter,

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I R Readhead **Deputy Chief Constable**