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Sir Liam Donadson
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Dear Sir Liam,

GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (Demise of Mr ADB Cunningham)

I have been moved to write this letter by the quite unacceptable circumstances surrounding the deliberate enforced demise of my step-father at the above hospital on 26 September 1998.

You will be aware that there has been a very extensive enquiry by the Hampshire Constabulary into the large number of suspicious deaths at this hospital in the years before and after 1998, and that the Criminal Prosecution Service has finally decided in late December not to press charges without the production of further additional evidence.

I was overseas when the news broke and only just returned, hence the apparent delay in this letter.

From past knowledge, I am aware that you commissioned Professor Richard Baker to conduct an audit of the deaths at this hospital a few years ago and, for reasons not known to me, his report has never been published. I have, however, heard from a reliable source that a significant number of deaths were identified to give cause for serious concern and I am anxious to know if my step-father was one of them. If not, I would earnestly request that my step-father's case be specifically examined by Professor Baker as I am utterly convinced there was blatant wrong-doing with evil intent. The Police informed me that my step-father's case was one of the very much smaller group that was put forward to the Criminal Prosecution Service with a view to criminal proceedings, but I strongly suspect the case was presently weakly with insufficient examination of the facts or proceedings would have been inevitable.

I was personally involved during the critical period of my step-father's death, hold copies of all his medical records and will happily make them available for Professor Baker's expert opinion to assist in bringing this matter to a final and satisfactory conclusion.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Stewart-Farthing