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Dear Liz,

Re: Operation Rochester

Thank you for your letter of the 12th January 2005, the content of which I have noted.

You raised in this letter two questions, one regarding the current time table regarding criminal proceedings and the second regarding the death of Mrs Devine.

As far as the time table for any proceedings is concerned, I am able to tell you that we are currently continuing to investigate the category 3 cases and have started to submit papers to the CPS. Our initial view is that the CPS will need to consider all of the category 3 cases holistically in order to determine whether criminal proceedings are warranted. As you will appreciate, this is an involved process which is demanding both of police and, more importantly, our expert's time. We regard it a realistic prospect to have all the category cases with the CPS during the course of 2005.

I am able to confirm that the death of Mrs Devine is being investigated as a category 3 case.

If I can assist you any further, please do not hesitate to contact at the above

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Nigel Niven
Detective Inspector

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