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Officer in Charge, Fratton Police Station (fao Detective Superintendent James)

Dear Sir

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF REPORTS PREPARED BY PROFESSORS FORD AND LIVESLY AND DR LORD

Thank you for your letter of 6 March 2002.

Mrs Gillian McKenzie telephoned my office on 1 March and I returned the call on 6 March 2002 explaining the situation as far as the police were concerned. I understand that Detective Superintendent James has been in touch with certain people in connection with the investigation and I certainly prepared an appropriate paragraph in a letter which was to be sent out dealing with disclosure. As these reports have not been in the public domain, the police are not willing to release them unless they come into the exception of *Woolgar -v- Sussex Police* which deals with release to a regulatory body concerned with health and safety.

As I am sure you are aware, there are procedures for disclosure by a non-party in the in the Civil Procedure Rules. I regret that the documents which you request cannot be released except under the authority of a court order.

Yours faithfully

M N Woodford Force Solicitor