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Dear Professor Livesley

Re: Operation Rochester

I am writing to you as a matter of courtesy to inform you we have now received written confirmation from the Crown Prosecution Service in respect of the file submitted concerning the death of Gladys RICHARDS.

The advice indicates that in their view there is insufficient evidence to provide a reliable prospect of a conviction, against anyone, in respect of any criminal offence alleged in the papers. They have therefore advised that criminal proceeding should not be instituted.

I have accepted this advice having had the opportunity to discuss the matter with the Senior CPS Lawyer before that formal decision was taken.

I am reflecting on whether or not it would be appropriate, in the light of that advice, to conduct further investigations into other deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I am sorry that there has been some delay in updating you. I only received the written confirmation on the 10th August 2001 and we have been rather distracted on other matters.

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I am arranging for your last account dated 17th July 2001 to be settled immediately.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and advice so far in what has been a difficult enquiry. Should we need to consult further I assume that you would remain available to us.

Yours sincerely

John James
Detective Superintendent