MEMORANDUM

From:

Deputy Chief Constable

To:

Ch. Supt. D. Stevens

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Date:

12 February, 2004

Derek

In furtherance to the PCA's report on the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, please will you appoint Simon Cole, ACC 'TO' to now act on our behalf. I am writing to Alison MacDougall to secure her consent to disclose the report by Det. Ch. Supt. D. Johnston to Ch. Supt. James. I would suggest that we have to meet with Mr. Cole to determine whether or not that disclosure should take place. I would then wish to carry out an interview with Ch. Supt. James through Mr. Cole, covering the pertinent points that have been raised in the PCA's report. I have agreed with Alison MacDougall that we will not be reviewing the issues around the actions by Ch. Insp. Ray Burt. Of particular relevance are the corporate influences, which were alluded to in the report from Ch. Supt. Clacher and in the report from Det. Ch. Supt. Johnston. If it becomes apparent that the actions of Ch. Supt. James were guided by Det. Ch. Supt. Watts and ACC 'SO', Mr. Smith, I may well have to reconsider both the current crime investigation and also the complaint issue.

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I.R. Readhead
Deputy Chief Constable
(Dictated by Mr. Readhead and signed in his absence)