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Dear Mr Horsley

Operation Rochester: death at Gosport War Memorial Hospital – Mrs Gladys Richards

I am sorry for the delay in considering your report to the Secretary of State on the above case, dated 17 November 2008.

The Secretary of State has now considered your report, and he has agreed to the issue of a direction for an inquest to be held in respect of the death of Mrs Richards.

Please see enclosed the direction under Section 15, together with a copy for your records.

Yours sincerely

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