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Dear Mrs Humphrey,

Thank you for making the time to see me last week and for going to the trouble of copying the medical notes, relating to Mrs Gladys Mabel Richards, in advance - that was very helpful.

I note that you kindly agreed to verify that the notes which you hold, and which you have copied to me, represent a complete record, so far as such a record was made, of the treatment which Mrs Richards received whilst admitted to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital during 1998.

I also note that you agreed to supply me with copies of any pages from the original file upon which no entries have been made. You pointed out that some of these may currently be missing from the copy file.

May I please ask you to also provide me with the product of any x-ray procedures carried out upon Mrs Richards at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I'm not sure how many copies would have been taken but if there is only one copy, in each case, I'm sure we can discuss the best way to proceed which will satisfy both of our needs.

In order to fully meet the requirements of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 would you please ensure that any material or other information relating to Mrs Richards, which is in the possession of the Portsmouth Health Care NHS Trust, is retained, in its original state,



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pending the outcome of my investigation. I appreciate that this is something which you have already agreed to do, thank you.

I hope that I was able to adequately explain my role in this matter and I assure you that if it becomes necessary to interview any member of the Trust's staff I will seek to undertake the task, by way of yourself, in a way which clearly recognises the sensitivities of this matter.

I look forward to meeting you, as arranged, on Thursday the 4th November 1999 at 1230 hours in your office.

Yours sincerely,

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Ray Burt
Detective Chief Inspector