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Dear Sir

Hampshire Police – Operation Rochester:

I am in receipt of your letter dated 1 March.

If you are familiar with Inquests, you will appreciate that an Inquest is not like a criminal investigation and the evidence a Coroner hears is not just limited to evidence given in statements to the Police. Hence it can happen that fresh and previously unknown evidence can come to light in an Inquest that can cause the Coroner to refer the matter to the Police for investigation or re-investigation, as the case may be.

Your decision not to let me see Counsels' Opinions in this matter is disappointing and somewhat unhelpful – particularly as there appears to be no consistent rule on the part of the CPS in this regard; the CPS have previously given other Coroners and myself copy Opinions in potential unlawful killing cases.

Yours faithfully

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