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Dear Sir

**Hampshire Police – Operation Rochester:**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 February, the contents of which I note.

As you will be aware, by their very nature Inquests into Operation Rochester deaths are more likely than not to bring out more evidence which could support verdicts of Unlawful Killing than has been considered so far by the CPS. If this happens, it may well be that the Inquests would have to be adjourned under Rule 28 of the Coroners Rules for the CPS to reconsider the evidence in its entirety.

If that happens, it will doubtlessly involve a great amount of work on the part of the CPS. Allowing me sight of the Operation Rochester Counsel's Instructions and Opinions reduces the risk of such an eventuality.

Therefore, it seems to me to make good sense – both for me and the CPS – for me to see the documents at this stage. Obviously, their contents would be treated as confidential by myself and not revealed to any third party.

Please could you, at your earliest convenience, reconsider my request?

Yours faithfully

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