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Subject: Inquest Gladys Richards

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7th. November re. expenses, overnight stay etc.

The inquest will be for two weeks and I am down for half a day – until I hear the evidence how can I ask questions about it ? I have booked myself into a disabled Centre for the whole two weeks – it will not amount to £69.20 for the whole period but there will be train fares from Eastbourne at the weekend. and return , plus Ferry crossings and bus fares from accommodation between Fareham, Gosport and Portsmouth – I cannot commute from Eastbourne every day . I would not expect the Inquest to cover “refreshments “ although I could get a M & S sandwich for the £2.40 allowed. Presumably your letter is a stock letter without taking into consideration number of witnesses. In addition I note you state the inquest will be held in the Coroner’s Court in the Guildhall. As of the 31st. October pre-inquest there is some doubt as to where it will be held – the last thing mentioned was that Mr. Horsley would try and get a room in the Guildhall – if it is now in the Coroner’s Court I am much relieved as” a room” in the Guildhall does not take into account the considerable Press interest plus the 80 other families, some of whom did not have the opportunity to make a statement to the Police or even have a hearing at the GMC.

I would be grateful if you could clarify the situation with the Coroner. Gillian M Mackenzie