

To: Margaret Ghlaimi  
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From: Anita James Sol Lit  
Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2001

**RE: LETTER FROM GRAHAM ROSS; ROSS & CO SOLICITORS**

1. Thank you for your minute dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2001.
2. So far as Graham Ross's letter is concerned, Lord Hunt must be advised that on no account should the records be regarded as being or accepted as being in the public domain. It does not matter what his impression is and I can assure you that I know of no officials who have given this impression.
3. So far as I know, officials have always sought legal advice. That legal advice has been consistent since the matter is not in our gift. It is entirely a matter of court rules. In addition we have signed undertakings including one from Mr Ross not to disclose.
4. We believe Mr Ross may have already breached his undertaking in relation to an article in a Scottish newspaper and this is an attempt by him to be released entirely from his undertaking. Others have remained bound by theirs so should he.

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