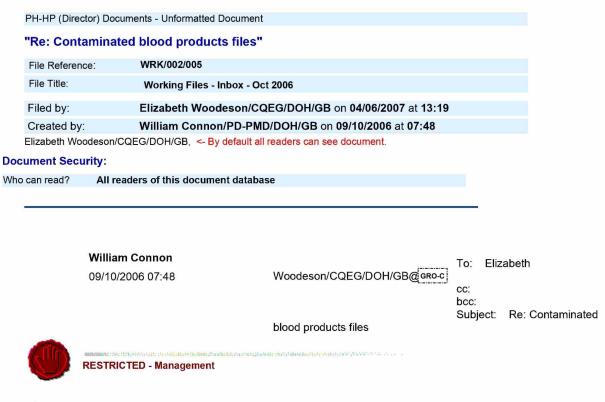

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Liz,

Firstly, my mobile number is **GRO-C** Apologies that you didn't have this. Lee keeps a table of contact details and I assumed he would let you have this.

On the question of the 47 files I will speak to Linda once she comes in to the office and will see what can be done. This whole area is far from straightforward, hence Linda's arrival to tackle it. I am by no means certain that the 47 "files" were included in the self-sufficiency report and I am told they were not shown to Lord Jenkin either. The reason being that they are not actually registered files but folders of papers which were simply found in a cupboard in the office.We will need to word any response carefully which is one of the reasons why I advised against rushing this one.

On the question of clearing the response In feel particularly aggrieved about any criticism of this team on that point. I specifically asked and advised Sophie, during the initial call, that we should consider a ministerial reply and she said that a treat official response was fine. I agree that Linda's reply was not one of the finest but as it went as a T/O I felt it could be issued, given that Linda was about to go on leave and it needed to be cleared. The email requesting sight of the response was received after Linda had left the office on leave (she had a half day on the day in question) and the letter had been posted. I have always made a conscious effort to get along with Jacky and others in Pr Off, for obvious reasons. It is not always easy as Jacky can be a somewhat less than diplomatic and in my view does not always get the best out of people.

I will try and speak to you by phone later today once I have spoken to Linda and Zubeda (who is more familiar with the background).

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