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Dear

I was very disturbed to learn that following the inquest on GRO-A concerning the death of your husband that you and your family were subjected to intense press attention. In fact, it made me very angry since you know I appealed to the press to treat the matter with sensitivity by which I meant that there should be no undue attention drawn to the family concerned. As you appreciate I do not have any powers though over editorial decisions.

It was alleged that I had been insensitive in holding the inquest, but I believe that I was obliged to do so as I was informed that the death was not natural as the infection was acquired accidentally through his very necessary treatment.

I have learnt this week that Mr. Justice OGNALL of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court in London is holding confidential enquiries on behalf of Plaintiffs concerning HIV/Haemophilic litigation. For this reason, I will not be holding inquests in similar circumstances in future, now that I have this knowledge that a full enquiry will be held before a competent court.

I would once more, like to offer my condolences to you and your family following the death of your husband and also my apologies for the quite unwarranted attention that you received which I had honestly hoped to prevent whilst carrying out what I believe to be my legal responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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