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9 August, 2002

Mrs C Wintle

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Dear Mrs. Wintle

I refer to your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2002 to Mr. Robert Ayling, Deputy Chief Constable of the Kent County Constabulary.

The matter has been referred to myself as the Chairman of the ACPO Personal Crime Business Area, having the remit to look at issues of national importance affecting all of our Police forces.

The issues you raise in your letter are cause for grave concern, but as you appreciate, the Police are bound by legislative requirements in relation to the investigations they undertake. The responsibility for prosecution of such offences is that of the Crown Prosecution Service and due to the complexities involved in the possible investigation of the issues you raise, I have taken the liberty of referring the matter to the Crown Prosecution Service, with a view to seeking clarification as to the issues we must consider prior to commencing any investigation. These issues will include causation, which in simple terms, means the relationship between the act or omission and the eventual outcome, corporate liability which is a subject of considerable current debate due to the proposals for the revision of homicide offences and the introduction of varying degrees of corporate manslaughter offences. Once my consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service has been concluded, I will contact you with any outcome and would by then be in a better position to inform you of any assistance that can be provided by the Police service.

I trust that this will satisfy your immediate requirements, but should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Headquarters, telephone number as above.

Yours sincerely

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