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Chris James

Haeuspindlin Society

Dear Chris,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from my son's MP in GRO-A after my son emailed him re the House of Lords bill.

So the Conservative party & the Lib Dems are giving support to the Archer inquiry. You probably know this already but I thought you would like a copy of this letter for your files.

With very best wishes for 2010,

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. Don't worry about replying



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Dear Mr GRO-A

Thank you for your e-mail of 17 December concerning the Archer Inquiry. I was interested to read your comments, and am sympathetic to your concerns.

The Liberal Democrats have been campaigning for justice for the victims of the Tainted Blood saga for a long time and were very supportive of Lord Archer's inquiry into the affair.

Unfortunately, the Parliamentary rules governing the Private Member's Bills in the House of Commons don't allow Bills to have financial implications, although these rules do not extend to the Lords. As a result, although Lord Morris's Bill may be tabled and passed by the Lords, it won't be able to carry on into the Commons as it would not be a valid Private Member's Bill and without the Government's support it will fail.

The APPG on Haemophilia has recently met and are formulating plans on how to move forward with the campaign. I also understand that the Department of Health are concerned with the Penrose Inquiry in Scotland since, unlike the Archer inquiry, it has been established on a statutory footing and can therefore oblige the release of documents and the attendance of witnesses. I believe that this could be a very valuable route for this campaign.

I remain entirely sympathetic to this cause and will do my best to support the APPG's campaign in the foreseeable future.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

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