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*Dear Chris,*

**POLICE MISCONDUCT INVESTIGATION RELATING TO THE DEATH OF**  
[Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 14 May 2002.

As we discussed by telephone, I am sorry that I cannot assist in relation to the questions posed in your note.

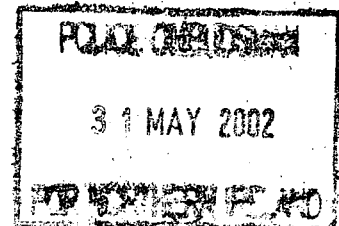
I recall being briefed by Detective Chief Superintendent McBurney in the summer of 2000 in that he understood that because a woman, then in Wales, who had provided alibi evidence in the case, had then parted from her husband, he believed she might now tell the truth and retract the alibi evidence. He was arranging interview and investigation accordingly. I was keen that the Hamill family should know of this development and sought a meeting to brief [Redacted] so that he could keep me fairly apprised of the developments.

Yours sincerely

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