

10. I am satisfied that I was given adequate disclosure and sufficient time to prepare Mrs McKee for the interview. I spent approximately 2 hours discussing the options and procedures in full with her. She seemed a little frightened that she had got herself into trouble and appeared very relieved to be tackling the matter at last. I understood that she wanted to deal with this issue from the past and start a new life. She was pregnant at the time with a new partner and did not want this issue to be hanging over her. She had left Northern Ireland in May 1999 and was contacted the following year by a policeman who wanted to take a statement from her. She was willing to cooperate with the police and did not express any view as to how she had been treated by the RUC in the past.
11. I can confirm that there were no offers of immunity from prosecution or of deferring any sentence if convicted. I recall that the idea was that Mrs McKee would be prosecuted first. There was discussion of protection for her in Northern Ireland whilst she was giving evidence if it was felt necessary as she had some concerns for her safety when the matter went public.
12. I tried to continue to act for Mrs McKee in Northern Ireland with [REDACTED] to act as an Agent. After some attempts to obtain Legal Aid from Craigavon Magistrates Court it became clear that I could not receive Legal Aid as an English solicitor and the matter had to be dealt with by a solicitor from Northern Ireland. I passed the case over to Mr [REDACTED] but I did arrange for a letter, dated 23 October 2001 [Page 73017 – 73018], to be produced to assist her when she did turn Queen's Evidence in the hope that she would be dealt with more leniently.
13. I spoke to DCS Colville Stewart about this letter on 22 October 2001 and drafted the letter dated 23 October 2001 [Page 73017] which I sent to him. The letter contained my ideas of what may assist, rather than any particular representations from Mrs McKee. I was concerned to put matters in writing rather than rely on what anyone might say on her behalf, as I wanted to ensure that she received a reasonable deal, if you like, and that her cooperation would assist her in this matter. The letter [page 34070] I received back from DCS Colville Stewart dated 2 November 2001 was in line with my expectations. I do