

ROBERT HAMILL, DECEASED

11th January 2000

Mr [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Solicitors called with me at 8 o'clock this morning and we spent about 50 minutes discussing the statements of witnesses A and B. He acts for the next-of-kin. He was obviously shocked by the contents of the statements and the implications for the holding of either an inquest or, indeed, any legal proceedings. He had no idea that the background to the death was as these statements indicated. He said that he would feel obliged to share the information I have given him with the family and I said I would have no objection to this. Indeed, I said that if he would like me to meet with the family in his presence I would do so. Also, he would want to speak to counsel. His counsel will be either Mr [REDACTED] QC or [REDACTED] QC. He wondered whether an approach should be made to the Secretary of State also. We agreed that we would leave matters in abeyance for a month to allow him to consider and to take instructions.