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Dear Mr. Morrison

Re: R v Atkinson, Atkinson and Harvey

Further to our meeting with Andrea McKee in Wrexham on Friday I now enclose typed notes prepared from my handwritten notes taken at the time. I trust they make sense!

The impression which I formed at the meeting was that while it is clear that Ms. McKee states that she remains willing to give evidence, she wishes to do so on terms which I doubt can be met.

There is no doubt that she has taken the purported threat contained in the letter received on December 23rd seriously, and feels that she could no longer contemplate giving evidence and continue to live at her current address. She is, however, unwilling to change her lifestyle or consider relocating from the immediate area in which she lives. Further, while she has indicated a willingness, albeit reluctant, to sever ties with her one remaining contact in Northern Ireland, Glenys Finnegan, one wonders just how realistic a prospect that might be, particularly as it appears that Ms. Finnegan has contact with other members of Ms. McKee's family.

I understand that police will consider the issue of Ms. McKee's security and determine whether it is possible to provide the requisite level of security in accordance with her desire to continue to live in

Wrexham. Acting on the assumption that same will not be possible, I consider that it would be wrong to expect Ms. McKee to give evidence in those circumstances. As she stated herself: "Being safe is more important than giving evidence".

I trust this of some assistance. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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