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Mr.  CR OC
Director of Public Prosecutions
Royal Courts of Justice
Chichester Street
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Dear Sir

Re: Robert Hamill, Deceased

We have received instructions from the next-of-kin of Robert Hamill who was attacked and fatally injured on April 27, 1997. While six people were initially charged with his murder however, charges against all but a man named Paul Hobson were subsequently withdrawn by your office.

As you will be aware, Paul Hobson was acquitted of the murder of Robert Hamill by Lord Justice . In his Judgement the Trial Judge made a number of relevant observations concerning the involvement in events by a Wayne Lundt. It appears that Mr Lundt was detained at the scene of the attack by a woman police officer named Halley who appears to have brought him to the back of a police landrover and then released him. A Mr Prunty gave evidence at the trial to the effect that Lundt had been in the crowd which had been kicking Robert Hamill. The Trial Judge said:

'It would appear that Mr Prunty's observation, if correct, would have provided a prima facie case of serious involvement in the attack on Mr Hamill against the man arrested at the scene and taken to the landrover. It may be understandable that Constable  did not personally follow up the remarks made to her by Mr Prunty, but it seems very strange that she did not regard him as a potential witness and that the facts were not placed before the officers investigating the case. Indeed on the basis of Mr Prunty's police statement there appears to have been sufficient material available on the papers in the case to merit serious investigation of that man's involvement and it should have been easy to relate Mr Prunty's observation of the man to the arrest of him by Constable .

In light of the above comments, we would be grateful if you could confirm that you intend to reconsider your decision not to proceed with murder charges against Mr Lundt.

The Hamill family are also particularly concerned by the failure to pursue charges against Stacey Bridgett, as the police had informed the family that traces of Bridgett's blood were found on Robert Hamill's clothing. Can you confirm if this was indeed the case and, if so, whether you will also reconsider your decision not to proceed against Bridgett?

The family have also requested that you clarify the exact basis upon which you

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decided to withdraw charges against five individuals referred to above. Although informed by police that the charges had been withdrawn due to the intimidation of witnesses, we understand your office informed the Committee on the Administration of Justice that the decision was taken due to insufficiency of evidence.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Our clients are considering seeking judicial review should they not receive satisfactory replies to their enquiries.

Yours faithfully

