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Around this time (Summer of 2000) Mr John Leckey, HM Coroner, had decided not to hold an inquest and there was significant pressure being placed on the British, Irish and American Governments with a view to securing a full public enquiry. It has been suggested that Mr McBurney's actions in June 2000 were motivated to 'keep the investigation live', and avoid the immediate need to succumb to a public enquiry.

My investigation has established that at the time the alibi statements were taken, both Mr McBurney and Detective Inspector Irwin knew their contents could not be true yet this was not progressed between late 1997 and June 2000.

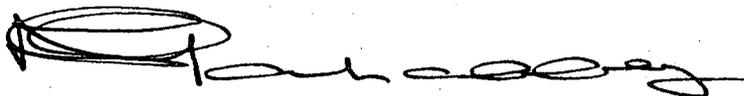
I would be grateful if you could throw any light on these matters, in particular:

1. Are you aware as to why no action was taken by Mr McBurney relating to these alibi witnesses between the taking of the statements and June 2000?
2. Whether there were other motivating factors relevant to the investigation of enquiries in June 2000

*Good  
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I thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you wish to discuss the matter with me I can be reached on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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