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Re: Robert HAMILL (deceased)

Further to my report, dated November 23rd, 2005, I have been asked to provide definitions of some of the medical terms used, not only by me but also by others, in this case.

For convenience and, hopefully, for ease of use, I have arranged the terms which I have been asked to explain, in alphabetical order.

AUTOLYSIS: This is the change which occurs after cell death whereby the enzymes within the cell cause destruction (i.e. lysis) of the cell contents. This is an inevitable post mortem change, and it may be apparent within a few hours of death. Hence **AUTOLYTIC**.

CARDIO-RESPIRATORY ARREST: This is a state where the patient's heart has stopped beating and he/she has also stopped breathing. It is, of course, an indication of somatic death, but intense resuscitation very soon after its onset, including cardiac massage, artificial ventilation and, possibly, drug administration, may restore cardiac activity; if successful, this may then be followed by restoration of spontaneous breathing.

CHLORPROMAZINE: This is a drug (major trade name **LARGACTIL**) of the chemical group **PHENOTHIAZINE**, and it is used largely as a **neuroleptic**, - i.e. to treat various psychiatric conditions or states, including schizophrenia, paranoid psychosis, mania, anxiety, agitation, and violent or dangerously impulsive behaviour.

CHOREA: This is a series of involuntary, unpredictable, irregular, jerky and explosive movements which flit from one part of the body to another in