

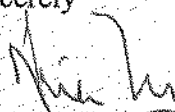
### **Further Opinion**

In my report I accepted Professor Crane's view that Mr Hamill suffered a severe grade 3 diffuse axonal injury. Dr Reid believes that the diffuse axonal injury was less severe, grade 2. This weakens my suggestion that Mr Hamill suffered a prolonged and violent assault rather than a single blow to the head and it supports my view that it is not beyond reasonable doubt that he suffered a less severe primary injury causing grade 2 axonal injury. I remain of the view that Mr Hamill's head injury was at a level of violence considerably greater than the average "Saturday night punch-up". As you will have noted from my supplementary report it is simply now possible to be certain as to what level of head injury Mr Hamill suffered even if there was a grade 3 diffuse axonal injury and still less where the diffuse axonal injury is not considered to be grade 2.

I do hope that brings us up to date.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely



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