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POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

DCU: SOUTH REGION

Station / Branch: REGIONAL CID SOUTH Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2002

SUBJECT: Self-Inspection of Hamill Murder Investigation

TO: Regional Crime Advisor  
Gough

As part of the self-inspection into the murder of Robert Hamill, which occurred in Portadown on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1997, a number of forensic lines of enquiry, which were originally actioned by the Investigation team in 1997, were re-visited for the purpose of establishing whether any forensic issues could now be advanced in light of recent technological advancements in the field of forensic science which may potentially yield new evidence.

The forensic scientist who carried out the original examinations of items submitted to the laboratory is currently on long term sick leave and, in his absence, Ms Colette Quinn, Forensic Biologist, has taken on the responsibility of reviewing this case as requested by myself.

As a result of recent meetings at the Laboratory, which established the objectives of this case review, Colette Quinn re-visited the case notes in relation to those items previously submitted as part of the original investigation. In consequence of reviewing what had been done in the context of identifying what further forensic examinations could potentially be taken forward at this stage, Ms Quinn has produced a report, which summarises the current status of the work carried out and the potential for additional work. (Copy attached)

In terms of considering the value of further forensic work which will progress the murder investigation forward and the financial costs attached to this, I have summarised and prioritised the forensic issues which should now be considered:

Items relevant to Robert Hamill

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Proposed Action</u>
✓	Leather Jacket	[a] Examination of other areas of staining on rear of jacket for LCN DNA [b] Re-examine 2 unsuccessful swabs for LCN DNA

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RCS Office, Gough.

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