

not know whether the letter was produced to the Judge but I sent it on to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I had no further contact with the RUC.

14. I prepared a draft statement on behalf of Andrea McKee [Page 72990 – 72992] and sent this to her with an accompanying letter [Page 73013] on 21 November 2001. I forwarded copies of these documents to [REDACTED]
15. Although I did not consider this at the time, it does strike me as strange now that the second witness statement [Page 14956 – 14957] was taken from Mrs McKee by the RUC, where she admits that the previous statement [Page 9200 – 9201] was false, without her receiving legal advice or being cautioned. However, we did discuss whether she was willing to continue with these statements she had made in her subsequent interview under caution [Interview Transcript page 21224 - 21241] and she was prepared to do so in the knowledge that she would be prosecuted on the basis of her admissions.
16. I did ask Mrs McKee to let me know what happened after I handed over the file to Mr [REDACTED]. At one stage she called my secretary to say that she had just been to the Court in Ireland but was required to go again for procedural reasons. She appeared to be complaining that she would be required to go so many times in the proceedings – I recall that it was because the Judge was unwell. My only involvement was administrative in relation to travel arrangements and dealing with the tape of the interview. The last note I have reads

*"Andrea McKee advised suspended sentence. 7 May 2002 a trial, so sentence. Already been over 4 times, deal for Michael is one year custody"*

17. In my view, the RUC did appear to be committed to using Mrs McKee as a witness who was to be given as much credit as possible. Also, Mrs McKee was committed to acting as a witness, in my opinion. It seemed to me that she knew that she had covered something up and felt bad about it and wanted to have it dealt with so she could get on with her life. It was common sense that she should assist with the prosecution of the others if that could lead to a more