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Dear Dr. Sumner,

RACHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED

Yet again I have been placed in a position where I am forced to adjourn the inquest. The family of Rachel have been experiencing problems in obtaining legal representation and have now instructed a third firm of solicitors. Because of that I have been asked to adjourn the inquest for 6-8 weeks.

I really am sorry that you are being inconvenienced so much. If the cancellation of travel and hotel accommodation results in any loss please let me know (with vouchers) and I will arrange for you to be reimbursed. I am thinking of listing the inquest again for the week commencing Monday 20th January 2003. Would this be suitable for you? I understand that the hospital may be seeking an independent expert opinion. If they do I will let you have a copy in advance of the inquest hearing.

Once again my sincere regrets.

Yours sincerely

J. L. Leckey

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