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Our Ref: A.49/03/4

15<sup>th</sup> December 2003

Mr J L Leckey  
H M Coroner  
Coroner's Office  
Courthouse  
Old Townhall Building  
80 Victoria Street  
BELFAST BT1 3FA



Dear *John*

**Re: Conor Mitchel (deceased)**

I enclose a copy of a memorandum from Dr Hicks indicating the situation regarding her Statement. I will forward it to you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A P Walby FRCS Ed  
Associate Medical Director

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MEMORANDUM

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TO : Mr. A P Walby, FRCS Ed  
FROM : Dr. E Hicks  
RE : **Conor Mitchell (Deceased)**  
REF : A.49/03/4  
OUR REF : UN CH 334505  
DATE : 3 December 2003

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You will recall this case and the request from the Coroner for me to provide a statement of my involvement with Conor. Subsequent to that, I heard from you that the Coroner had agreed that I could discuss this situation with Dr. Sumner who had reviewed the case also. Dr. Sumner and I were eventually able to make contact and discuss Conor's final illness. I think both of us find this a very helpful process. I am now in the process of drafting my reply, but need to give this considerable consideration and do some research. It will be sent to the Medical Defence Union first and I will endeavour to have the final copy with you as soon as possible. In the meantime, I have the original case-notes. I hope this is acceptable, and I apologise that it has been a little delayed.

*D. Chung*

*Dr Hicks' Secretary*  
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