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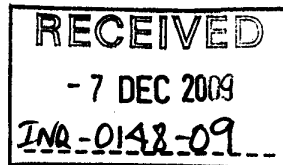
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John W. O'Hara,

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of 22 July 2009, 24 September 2009 and 17 November 2009 regarding the interpretation of the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

I am now in receipt of legal advice and after careful consideration have decided that it would be inappropriate for me to proffer any views on the interpretation of the Terms of Reference as revised last year.

In saying this, I am mindful of the independence of the Inquiry and the fact that your investigation may extend to officials, past and present, of my Department.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety

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