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26th April 00.

Dear Mr. Fee.

I am writing in response to your letter dated 21.4.00. I am unsure what format you would like this account to take. If this is just a factual account of the events for your benefit, then I am unsure of what you feel that I could add that is not already documented in the nursing Kardex by myself immediately following the resuscitation.

I have appeared to have been asked for my opinions about various matters, especially in relation to the giving of I.V. fluids. I was not actually involved in the cannulation nor in the immediate administration of I.V. fluids following cannulation, so feel unable to comment on this particular aspect of the child involved here. This is maybe something that should be discussed with those directly involved.

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— am very sorry if I sound petty, but I would like to clarify in my own mind what this account will be used for, due to the overall serious nature of the matter. If this is to be a statement for official use at a later date of the events surrounding the awful and distressing events of this night, then I would like more time to be able to compose this type of document, and be able to seek some sort of outside advice to ensure that this is done correctly. If not then I feel that any information you need is accessible from my documentation in the nursing Kardex as recorded at the time of the event.

Yours Sincerely

S/N S. McManus

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