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Andrew  
As requested from Ambrose.

David(20645)



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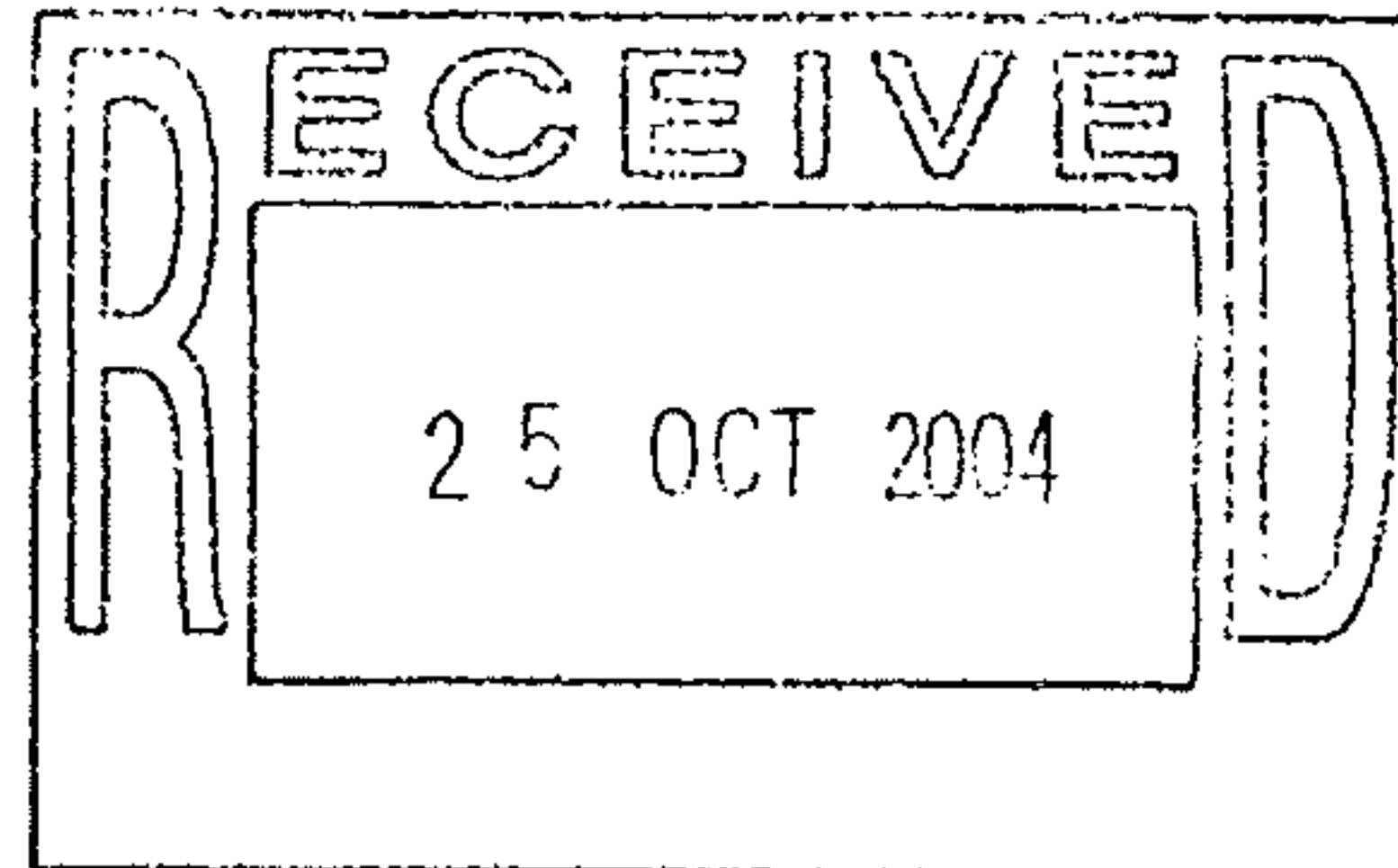
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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2004



Dear Minister,

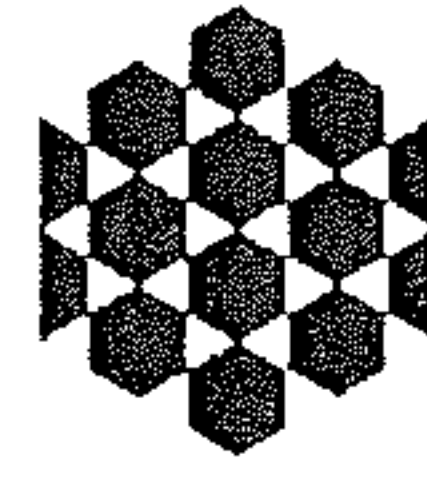
I am sure that you will have been informed of the content of the UTV Insight programme broadcast on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2004. The programme examined the cases of three children who had died while in hospitals in the North. Serious allegations were made concerning these deaths during the course of the programme which were directed not only against medical staff but also against members of a number of health trusts.

I believe that in order to prevent any further erosion of confidence by the public in the health service a full independent inquiry should be held to examine the full circumstances surrounding these deaths. I would ask you, as minister, to initiate such an inquiry immediately.

Yours, etc.,

Cllr John O'Dowd MLA

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State



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and Public Safety**

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8 November 2004

*Dear John*

Thank you for your letter of 22 October.

I believe it is of the highest importance that the general public have confidence in the quality and standards of care provided by our health and social services.

Consequently, as you may be aware, I announced on 1 November that I have appointed Mr John O'Hara QC to conduct an independent inquiry into the deaths of Lucy Crawford, Raychel Ferguson and Adam Strain.

*Sincerely  
Angela*

ANGELA SMITH MP

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