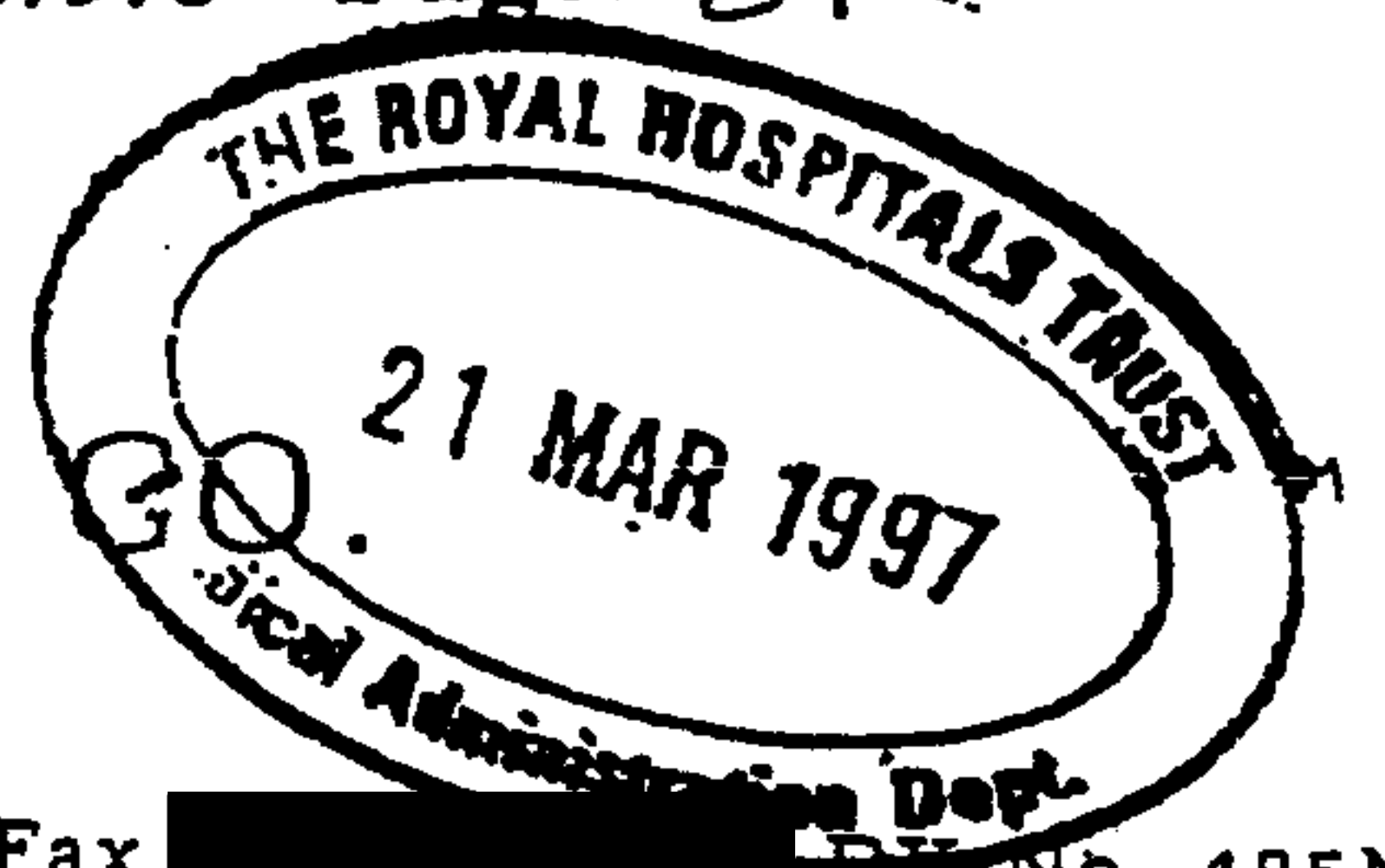


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19 March 1997

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Dear Dr Murnaghan

DEBORAH STRAIN OBO ADAM STRAIN

I refer to previous correspondence and would advise you that the Plaintiff's Solicitors have spoken to me concerning this matter and after discussion, entirely without prejudice to liability, they would be prepared to accept [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] of the case. This would of course be subject to a Confidentiality Clause, and I enclose herewith a copy of my letter of even date on that particular point.

I believe from a liability point of view, this case cannot be defended, and this is based largely upon the information given by one of the Independent Experts retained by HM Coroner at the Inquest. Additionally, I believe that it would be unwise for the Trust to engage in litigation in this matter given the particularly tragic circumstances of the death, and the opportunity for the exploration of any differences of opinion which might exist between a number of the attending physicians.

I earnestly recommend that we attempt to dispose of this matter at this stage and I look forward to receiving your instructions.

Yours sincerely

[Handwritten signature]

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