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Professor Risdon  
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Dear Professor Risdon

**RE DEATH OF ADAM STRAIN, 4 years, ON 27 NOVEMBER 1995**

Thank you for agreeing to assist the Police Service of Northern Ireland in this matter.

I am providing for your consideration the following:

1. An envelope containing four boxes of tissue samples mounted in paraffin wax. These consist of: 8 x lung, 3 x liver, 2 x kidney, 1 x spleen, 1 x gland, 1 x trachea, 15 x brain and 3 x spinal cord tissue blocks. These are in boxes marked WRC12.
2. A letter from Miss Buist Director of Renal Transplantation at Greater Glasgow NHS to Mrs Judy Watts, UK Transplant.
3. A letter from Miss Watt, UK Transplant, to D/Constable Burke.
4. The post-mortem report of Doctor Armour.
5. The report of Professor Berry.
6. A statement from Adam's mother which consents to medical personnel assisting police.

Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Adam Strain. The emphasis at the Inquest and in the police investigation has been on the fluid management during the operation. However, police have been informed that concerns exist regarding the state of the kidney which Adam received. The post-mortem found that the donor kidney was infarcted. Professor Berry has stated that infarction may have happened at or before the time of transplant and he has

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explained to police the reason for his opinion. He did highlight that he is not a renal pathologist and recommended that we consult such a specialist.

It is our specific request that you examine the tissue samples provided and indicate to police if it is possible to state with any certainty the time of the infarction of the donor kidney.

It may be relevant to your opinion to inform you of the following:

- a. one surgeon stated that the donor kidney perfused and produced urine.
- b. the second surgeon stated that the kidney did not produce urine.

If I can further assist please contact me by email or on [REDACTED] If you believe that other documents exist which may assist you considerations please let me know and if possible I will make them available to you.

Yours sincerely

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D/SERGEANT

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