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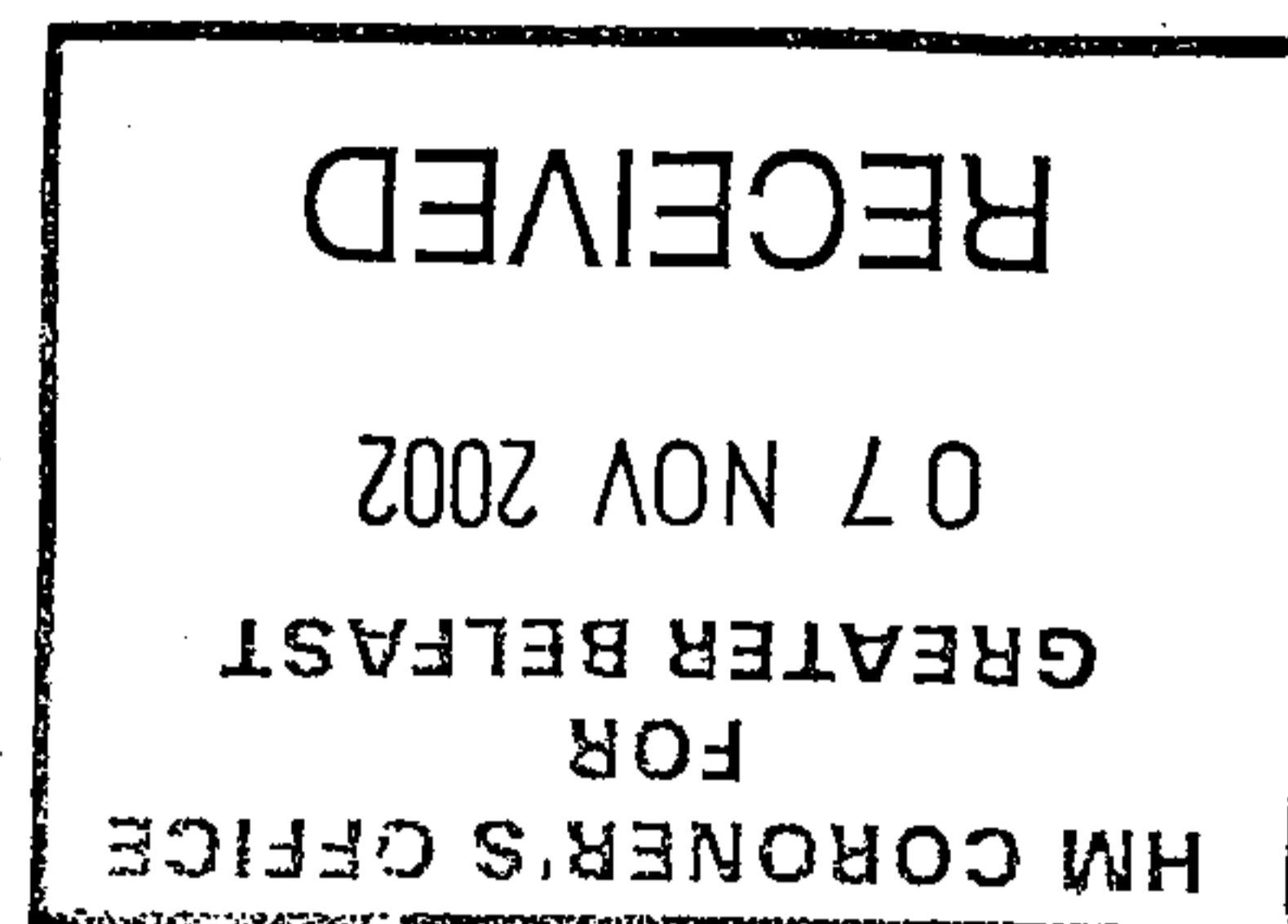
Hilary Wells

Our Ref: INQ T50/9/15

Date: 6 November 2002

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Mr John L Leckey LLM
Her Majesty's Coroner
District of Greater Belfast
Coroner's Office
Courthouse
Old Townhall Building
80 Victoria Street
BELFAST BT1 3GL



Dear Sir

**RACHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED
INQUEST HEARING – 26 & 27 NOVEMBER 2002**

I refer to the above matter and enclose herewith, for your consideration, copy statement prepared by Dr Raymond Fulton, the Medical Director at Altnagelvin Hospitals Trust at the time of Rachel Ferguson's death which provides detail regarding the investigation of the death and relevant correspondence. I would advise that Dr Fulton is still employed by the Trust and would be available to give evidence at the Inquest Hearing.

I also enclose, for your consideration, a copy letter from Dr Nesbitt, the present Medical Director at Altnagelvin Hospitals Trust dated 1 May 2002 addressed to the Chief Medical Officer and the response dated 10 May 2002 from the Chief Medical Officer. You will note Dr Nesbitt is due to give evidence at the Inquest Hearing.

I also enclose herewith copies of the following statements:-

1. Copy statement prepared by Sister Millar dated 15 June 2001;
2. Copy statement prepared by Staff Nurse Noble dated 14 June 2001;
3. Copy statement prepared by Staff Nurse Rice dated 26 June 2001.

These nurses are still all employed by the Trust and are available to give evidence at the Inquest Hearing. I note that in earlier correspondence you had advised that you had no objection to receiving evidence from any nurses who were in a position to give relevant evidence regarding the issue of vomiting. Following further consultation with the Trust, these nurses and a further nurse, Staff Nurse Gilchrist, have been identified as the most relevant nursing staff to give evidence regarding this issue. I am presently awaiting a statement from Staff Nurse Gilchrist and shall forward same immediately to you upon receipt.

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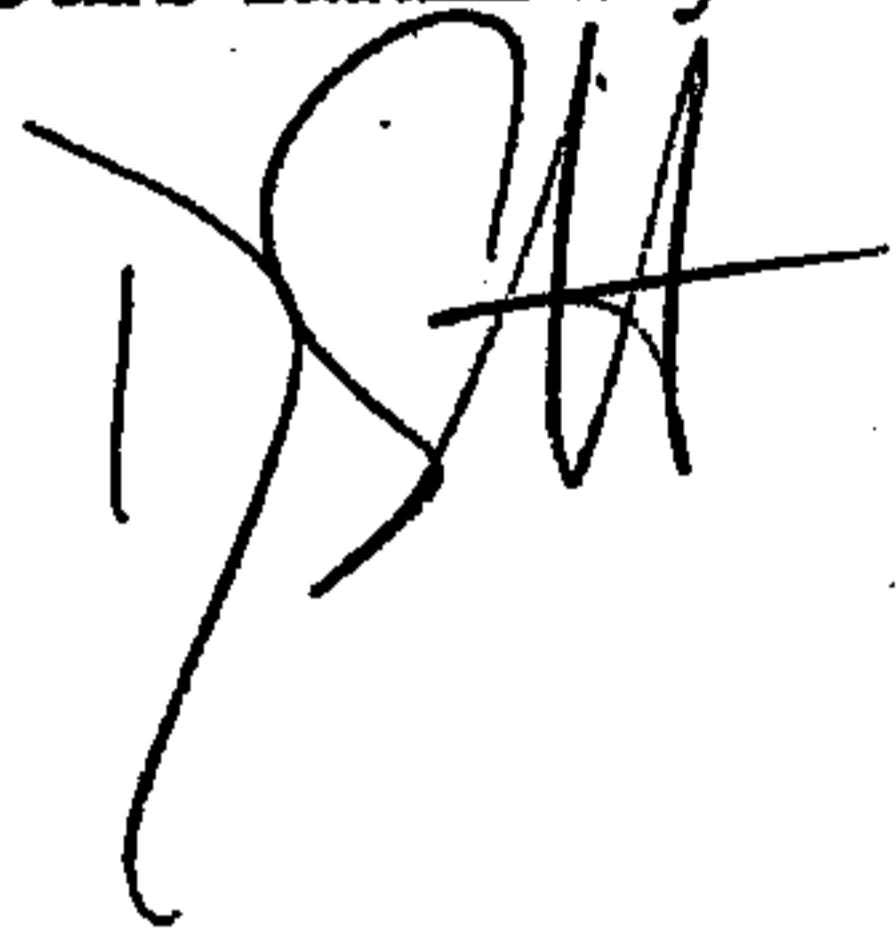
Jonathan Taylor

June Turkington

I should be obliged if you would confirm whether these witnesses will be called to give evidence at the proposed Hearing.

I await hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Scott', written over the typed name.

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