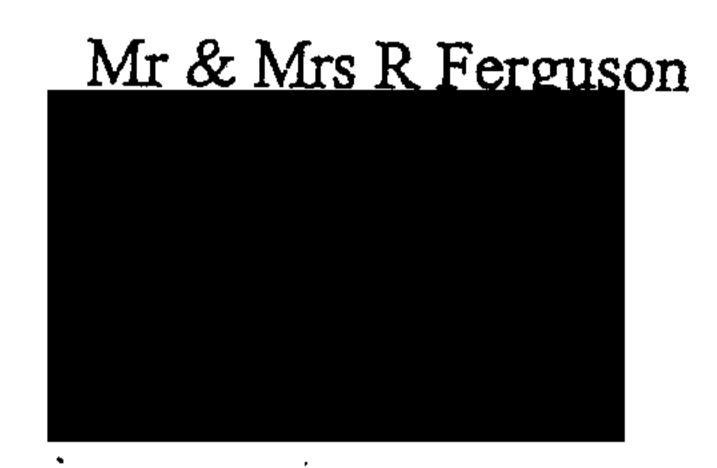


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Dear Mr & Mrs Ferguson

YOUR LATE DAUGHTER

As promised I am enclosing a copy of the post-mortem report of Dr Brian Herron and the supplemental report of Dr Clodagh Loughrey.

I understand Dr Peter Crean of the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children has offered to explain the findings to you. I assume you will be able to make contact with him to arrange a suitable appointment. Should you experience any difficulty please let me know.

I have decided to obtain the report of an independent expert in the field of paediatric anaesthetics. I am hopeful that Dr Edward Sumner of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London will be willing to do this for me. He did so in connection with the death of a child some years ago in not dissimilar circumstances to Rachel. If he is not able to assist me I will obtain a report from an expert in the same speciality. I will let you have a copy of that report in advance of the inquest.

Once again I would wish to offer my very deep sympathy to you and the family circle.

Yours sincerely

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