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Dear Ed,

RAYCHEL FERGUSON, DECEASED

I am writing to advise you that the inquest has now concluded. Once again I am most grateful to you for all your help and assistance. Your report was invaluable and without it I really would have been at a loss.

I am writing to the Chief Medical Officer of Northern Ireland, Dr Henrietta Campbell, suggesting that she draws the protocol to the attention of the Chief Medical Officers of England and Wales, Scotland and the Republic of Ireland. Dr Fulton and Dr Nesbitt from Altnagelvin Hospital expressed the view that the protocol was not prescriptive enough and that it should in fact apply to all patients rather than just children. It may be that the Working Party will be re-convened to consider these views.

Once again my very sincere thanks. Also, I am sorry that we were not able to have dinner on Wednesday evening. I know you appreciated the fact that as the inquest was ongoing it might have been regarded as inappropriate for you and me to have dined together. Hopefully, we will have another opportunity.

Please advise me of any professional fee and expenses due to you (with vouchers).

With my very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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