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Amanda
Letter from D/C/Supt Phil Wright to Public Inquiry Chairman, Mr John O Hara for your information. FLOs have made initial contact with all three families. The only issue raised by them so far has been a request from the family of [REDACTED]
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Tom Woods

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Mr John O'Hara -
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Mr John O'Hara QC
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26 July 2005

Dear Mr O'Hara

Following on from your meeting with Detective Superintendent Steele and Detective Sergeant Cross on 21 July 2005 I write to you with regard to the Public Inquiry into the circumstances of the deaths of Raychel Ferguson and Adam Strain.

As you are aware it is now the intention of police to conduct investigations into the deaths of the two children. Following the police investigation, a report will be forwarded to the Public Prosecution Service for their consideration.

With these facts in mind and following police consultations with the Public Prosecution Service, I would suggest that it would be appropriate for this Public Inquiry to be delayed until such times as the investigation is complete. Should the Public Inquiry proceed, it may interfere with the administration of justice and potentially have implications in relation to Article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights.

I will ensure that these investigations are brought to an early conclusion, however, due to the complex issues involved and the requirement for the provision of expert evidence, it is unlikely that police investigations will be complete before the end of 2005.

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It is my intention to maintain a close liaison with the Public Prosecution Service throughout the course of the investigation, they too are aware of the fact that a Public Inquiry is pending.

Yours sincerely

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