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The Producer
Insight programme
Ulster Television
Havelock House
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Dear Sirs

OUR CLIENT – ROYAL GROUP OF HOSPITALS RE – TREVOR BIRNEY EDITOR, CURRENT AFFAIRS, ULSTER TELEVISION – INSIGHT PROGRAMME

I write on the instructions of my Client the Royal Group of Hospitals which includes the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children. I enclose herewith a copy of an e-mail which was sent from Trevor Birney to an employee within the Royal Group of Hospitals. On the basis of the information which is contained within the e-mail I refer particularly to the following statement:

"I have to point out that in the forthcoming programme we will be relying on documentary evidence, including statements made under oath, which clearly proves that the Royal did mislead the Coroner".

My Client trenchantly denies the suggestion that the Coroner was misled by "the Royal and its witnesses".

I require an unqualified retraction of this allegation and an undertaking that you will not publish the allegation in the forthcoming television programme or elsewhere. I should indicate to you that if you do so, the Trust reserves it right to take legal action

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