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Our Ref: AD-0141-10

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Dear Ms Beggs,

**Re: Investigation into the Death of Adam Strain**

I refer to the above.


On 29<sup>th</sup> November 1995, Dr Alison Armour performed a post-mortem examination on the body of Adam Strain. Subsequently, samples of tissue from Adam's kidneys were sent to two consultant paediatric pathologists for examination, namely Professor Jeremy Berry, Paediatric Pathologist (instructed by the Coroner, Mr John Leckey) and Professor R Risdon (instructed by the Police Service for NI).

With reference to Dr Armour's examination of the donor kidney, I would be obliged if you would ascertain from your client, the Belfast Trust, the following information:

1. A description of the precise material sent to each expert.
2. Clarification of whether the samples taken from the donor kidney came from a localised area of the kidney or constituted representative samples of the organ.
3. An explanation regarding the different ways in which it appears the material was presented to each expert. Professor Risdon received samples mounted in paraffin wax while Professor Berry was given 15 microscope slides.
4. The reasons for and likely impact of any such differences.

I would be obliged for your response within 7 days.

Yours sincerely,

  
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