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Dear Mr McGinty

Re: Dr. David Kelly, deceased

Further to my letter of 3 December, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the note which was sent to potential interested persons, and this included all those who had been represented at Lord Hutton's Inquiry. I also enclose a copy of my letter of 30 January to Mr. Rebello, the Secretary to The Coroners' Society of England and Wales relating to a message that was put on the Coroner's website and the same message was put on the Oxfordshire County Council's and Police website. I was anxious to ensure, so far as possible, that anyone who considered themselves properly interested should have the opportunity of making representations to me.

Yours sincerely,

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DAVID CHRISTOPHER KELLY, DECEASED

This note is primarily addressed to those who I think may consider themselves to be properly interested persons under the provisions of the Coroner's Rules 1984, Rule 20, but is sent without any implication that I accept such a claim.

The Inquest at present stands adjourned under the provisions of the Coroner's Act 1988, Section 17A(1) (a section introduced into the Act by the Access to Justice Act 1999).

I have received no notification under Section 17A(4)(b).

Under Section 17A(4), the Inquest can only be resumed if, in my opinion, there is exceptional reason for doing so.

I shall be studying Lord Hutton's report when it is received, together with other relevant information made available to me which will be primarily but not necessarily exclusively from the Police who have been conducting an investigation on my behalf.

I shall then invite properly interested persons to make representations to me in an open court as to whether there are or are not exceptional reasons before making my decision.

A date for this will be announced in due course, but it is likely to be in March 2004.

Information on the lines of this note will be made publicly available through the Coroners' website - www.coroner.org.uk and by other means shortly after the publication of Lord Hutton's report.

If any recipient of this note does claim to be properly interested and wishes to make representation, it would be helpful if I had advance notice.

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Dear André,

Vic and I have agreed the final version of the message to go on the Coroner's Public website.

"Re: The Late Dr. D.C. Kelly

The Coroner will be making a decision under the Coroner's Act 1988, Section 17A during March 2004. This will be in open court when oral representation can be heard from properly interested persons. Any person who claims to be a properly interested person within the provisions of the Coroner's Rules 1984, Rule 20, and who wishes to make representation should supply details of his claim to be so entitled in writing to the Coroner at Southern House, 1 Cambridge Terrace, Oxford. OX1 1RR, by 24 February 2004."

I do not really mind what key words you use but Kelly and Hutton would be the obvious ones together with perhaps Oxfordshire Coroner, but I will leave this to you.

I have been receiving numerous Press enquiries and have told them that a message will be appearing on the Coroner's website next week. I should be interested to learn whether this has any effect on your "hit" rate.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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