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Detective Chief Superintendent Rowan Moore

Legacy Investigation Branch (LIB)

PSNI Headquarters

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Dear Detective Chief Superintendent,

You will recall we, as the Malone House Group, met with you and DS Stephen Wright on 19 November 2020.

Some of the valuable discussion on that occasion centred on the LIB Family Engagement Strategy and the Family Guidance Document. They are on your website dated February 2020 in version 3 and stated to be subject to annual review. At the meeting, it was indicated that LIB would be happy to consider any comments or suggestions on them.

We promised to look at these documents and Neil Faris who is a solicitor, in conjunction with Peter Smith QC, have so done. I am sending for your attention the results of their extensive consideration (also by email). Many of their suggestions are silently based on the European Convention on Human Rights and its various Articles. Both of them are more than willing to discuss their questions and suggested changes with branch personnel or your legal colleagues.

The Malone House Group is continuing with a round of meetings which has recently included Jon Boutcher of Kenova, and the Secretary of State. We intend soon to write to the Chief Constable to discuss future PSNI legacy arrangements. This is in light of the statement by Brandon Lewis on 18 March last year when he said legacy structures are being developed that are not necessarily based on the Stormont House Agreement.

It is our view, reinforced by meeting yourselves, that LIB, properly enhanced, is the most appropriate and useful vehicle for any continuing investigations.

Yours sincerely

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