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Dear William and Tim,

Jordan and Kidd

This e mail should be read with the e mail below. The police position now appears to be that they believe it is in the public interest that Jordan and Kidd be prosecuted.

The police referred me to a chapter of the North Wales Report on physical violence. The chapter refers to the prosecution of offences of violence including head butting. The offences are all more serious than those under consideration here and would constitute actual bodily harm at least in England and Wales. It does not in my view take the matter any further. Plainly incidents of violence against children should be treated very seriously and even after a long period there is proper evidence of more than minor offending it should be prosecuted. The boundary between prosecution and non prosecution may often be a fine one which is why guidelines ongoing would be a good thing.

I pointed out to DI Fossey that the views she had now expressed did not reflect the police view as I had understood it from conferences with John Edmonds Mick Gradwell and herself.

She replied " You are correct that the view of Mick and the John was different. I just wanted to make you aware of the different feelings of the team as there seems to be an opportunity for discussion here with the AG. Also for my own part having just recently read the North Wales Report made me think again. I understand, however, that ultimately it is for the AG to decide."

The police accept that the decision as to the public interest is yours but it may be that, particularly given the peculiar history of this case, you consider it wise to discuss the matter in conference with the police.

Steve

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From: Stephen Baker [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 October 2009 09:39

To: William Bailhache; Timothy Le Cocq (Solicitor General)

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Subject: FW: Few Things

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William, Tim,

I have received the e mail below from DI Fossey.

In it she states as regards Kidd and Jordan

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Kidd/Jordan - strong feeling here that it is in the public interest to prosecute. I know this is not our call so I merely highlight the views of the team prior to your meeting with the AG. We believe that the nature and volume of evidence clearly points to a pattern of behaviour of physical abuse and although there will undoubtedly be difficulties with the witnesses in terms of their backgrounds, allegations of collusion and compensation we still believe the balance is in favour of prosecution."

This is not how I had understood the police position to be. The impression I had gained was that they supported the view we had taken. John was present at certain conferences with Mick Gradwell and Alson on this topic.

She has drawn my attention to a chapter in the North Wales abuse report which I will read and get back to you on.

Steve

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