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17th January, 2008.

Mr. L. Harper,
Deputy Chief Officer,
States of Jersey Police,
Police Headquarters,
Rouge Bouillon,
St. Helier,
Jersey.

Dear Deputy Chief Officer,

Child Abuse Investigation

I am very grateful to you for telephoning me on 7th January to give me a briefing on this subject.

As a result of our conversation, I have provisionally retained Crown Advocates Cyril Whelan and Stephen Baker to act for me in any prosecutions which might take place.

We discussed the desirability of your having early access within the investigation team to the Crown Advocate who might be prosecuting the particular cases. I am certainly very willing to acquiesce in that approach. However, it is essential that we keep some handle on the costs which might be involved, and in those circumstances I should be grateful if you would not approach either Crown Advocate Baker or Crown Advocate Whelan directly, but instead do so through my Chief Clerk, Tim Allen. That will enable us, with your help, to focus upon the particular legal questions which you might wish to have answered by way of assistance and to contain the extent of the expense which might be incurred as a result.

Yours sincerely,

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Attorney General

cc. Tim Allen
Chief Clerk

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