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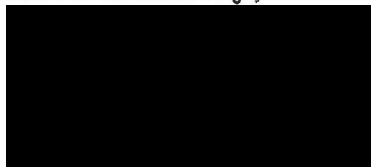
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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of the 13th December, 1985, about the procedures and practice in cases of non-accidental injury to children. I accept your view that there is urgent need for a careful appraisal of local policies and procedures in cases of child abuse and for a clear statement of responsibilities and accountabilities of all the various organisations and agencies concerned.

If you had asked that the Attorney General should initiate such a reappraisal I would have passed your letter to Philip Bailhache with a request that he should consider the matter. However, you have asked me to consider initiating a reappraisal in my new forthcoming capacity of Deputy Bailiff. I would have no objection to doing so but in those circumstances I must first consult with the Bailiff Designate, Peter Crill. This I am proceeding to do and I shall communicate with you further as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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