

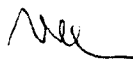
Lord Advocate

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SHIRLEY MCKIE

I agree that it makes sense for Bill Gilchrist to see Harry Bell; I agree that he should explain our difficulties. I would suggest that he makes it clear that without sight of the Report you may simply have to conclude that it would be unsafe and inappropriate to accept any reports in which the relevant experts feature.

I would be grateful to have sight of the draft answer along the lines suggested by the Lord Advocate and of the letter from Ian McKie and draft reply.



Norman McFadyen
Crown Agent Designate

11 April 2002

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