

ALAN DAVIES

From: ALAN DAVIES <[redacted] DPA [redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 8:02 PM
To: [redacted] DPA [redacted]
Subject: RE: Goddard

Dear Tim,

It is one of these tricks memory plays on one. My recollections of VSU are mostly vague but I still hold some memories of Elisabeth Hoodless and CSV and others of Nicholas Hinton and NACRO. However, over and above those I do recall very clearly the questions raised on the WRVS renewal. WRVS was, of course, one of our largest grants and was therefore subject to fairly careful scrutiny at these moments. It was this recollection which made me mention it in particular to the Met. Police when they interviewed me a couple of years ago. I was never given a copy of the written statement they prepared – and which I signed, so I'm not sure that they took much notice of it. Their interest mainly lay in the Albany Trust and Clifford, although they did ask me who I worked with and it was then I mentioned Brian.

I hope this is of some use, but let me assure you that your memory is still very accurate

Alan

From: Tim Hulbert [mailto:[redacted] DPA [redacted]] sed
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2016 12:33 PM
To: [redacted] DPA [redacted]
Subject: Goddard

Hi Alan, What a difference a dot can make! Herewith the original email.

Dear Alan,

Firstly how are you? [redacted] Irrelevant [redacted] In the circumstances I have been reluctant to bother you again about VSU. But since we spoke just over a week ago, I have been mulling over our conversation in the context of preparing evidence to submit to the Goddard Inquiry. In particular it was your spontaneous response to my mentioning that I clearly remember a reference WRVS (P.I.E) I think on the quarterly reference sheet on grants for renewal. I have always regarded this as the most bizarre part of my recollection and have wondered from time to time if my memory was playing tricks. When you said you remembered that too, it hit me like a sledge hammer, because for the first time in this whole sorry saga, I had confirmation that my recollection was shared. Indeed after two Inquiries found no evidence to corroborate what I know to be true, without any prompting you provided a key. I hope you don't mind, but I immediately passed this on to the Inquiry lawyer who is gathering the evidence together for this part of the Goddard Inquiry and he may get in touch. Don't hold your breath however, as he certainly didn't seem impressed - of course he's an ex Home Office lawyer! But perhaps a more charitable explanation is that he's not familiar with my evidence - he hasn't seen the Wanless material yet. So in the interest of belt and braces Alan, I wonder if you could find the time and energy to put in writing to me what you said on the phone? I can then refer to it as corroborative evidence in my statement and the Inquiry will have to take it into account. Of course, if you prefer, you can always write direct to Martin Smith, Solicitor to the Inquiry.

I really am sorry to have to ask you to do this in the circumstances. If you don't feel able to do so, please say so and I will understand. You know me well enough to know I wouldn't ask if I didn't think it vital. Although Goddard has agreed to extend the three week deadline for my outline witness statement, I fear my life

will be dominated by this in one way or another for several months. I wish I had not remembered this stuff, but having done so, I can't escape the consequences, nor in truth do I wish to if it contributes to justice for some of the survivors I've met. For many of them it is the not being believed that is the worst - I can understand a little of their pain.

Alan my sincere best wishes for your improved health and whatever you decide to do about the VSU thing, just know how grateful I am to you for relieving me of doubt.

Yours very sincerely,

Tim.

The fact that you told the Police about this at the beginning, helps enormously, though they clearly didn't act on it!

Thanks so much for your help. Best regards, Tim