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From: matthew baker **DPA**
Sent: 27 September 2018 13:56
To: simon danczuk
Subject: FW: Historic sexual abuse matters

Hi Simon,

See below and attached. For info, this is the fits correspondence we received from the former Metropolitan Police officer Michael Cookson.

When do you need all the Driberg details to be submitted to the Inquiry?

Matt

From: DANCZUK, Simon **DPA**
Sent: 18 July 2014 10:08
To: BAKER, Matt **DPA**
Subject: FW: Historic sexual abuse matters

From: Michael Cookson [mailto:] **DPA**
Sent: 18 July 2014 10:58
To: DANCZUK, Simon
Subject: Re: Historic sexual abuse matters

Dear Mr Danczuk

Document now attached

Michael Cookson

On Fri, Jul 18, 2014 at 10:56 AM, Michael Cookson **DPA** wrote:

Dear Mr Danczuk

I investigated two matters, which I outline in the attached document.
If they are of interest, please contact me.
Michael Cookson

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Dear Simon Danczuk

There are two matters in which I was involved as an investigating officer which may be of interest to you.

The first was in 1968 which involved Tom Driberg, M.P. in which evidence against him committing buggery with teenage escapees from Feltham Borstal institution was not proceeded with on the advice of the then D.P.P. (I think Sir Norman Skelhorn) on the grounds that any prosecution was 'not in the Public Interest'.

The second was in 1974 and involved a group of homosexual men with sexual interest with male children before puberty (roughly 5 years to 13 years). I arrested these men and they all appeared at various courts, including the Central Criminal Court, Maidstone and Canterbury Crown Courts.

These men were

Brian Arthur Johnson, a senior care officer working for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets – 6 years imprisonment on each of 12 counts at CCC

Peter Frank Hickman, superintendent of Dr Barnado's home, Dulwich – 4 years imprisonment on each of 12 counts

Ronald William Fortune, sports photographer, Daily Mail – 6 years imprisonment on each of 10 counts at CCC

George Wayne Jacobs, American internationally known 'art' photographer and publisher of books 2 years imprisonment on each of 3 offences at CCC

Ian Bell, U.K.s leading maker and restorer of pipe organs, 18 months imprisonment on each of 2 offences at CCC

Maurice Charles Oakeshott, manager Gestetner office machines UK, 2 years imprisonment on each of 6 charges

The matter was reported by the then CCC Times court reporter, who told me the story was spiked by the editor as the 'details were too distressing for his readers'

The then Director of Social Services of Tower Hamlets, a Mr Fleet, and his staff did all they could to obstruct enquiries, to the point that he (Fleet) was threatened with arrest.

In the first of the matters mentioned above, I rely on my memory, on the second I have papers.

I can be contacted via e-mail, and, if these matters are of any interest to you we can meet or speak by telephone

Yours sincerely

Michael Cookson