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Subject: IICSA - Westminster

Good morning,

Pursuant to the Inquiry's request of 3 April 2019, we would be grateful if the attached document and the following message from Sara Royan, Solicitor at the Metropolitan Police Service's Directorate of Legal Services, could be passed to the Inquiry:

'In response to your letter dated 3rd April please find attached the indictment from St Albans Crown Court relating to the matter where Robert Wardell and John Norris pleaded guilty under section 11 of the Post Office Act 1953 at St Albans Crown Court.

Your previous email stated that it was John Sewell who pleaded guilty with Mr Wardell, however, the indictment is clear that it was Mr Wardell and Mr Norris who were found guilty and given a 3 year conditional discharge and £300 fine.

With regard to your second query it is clear from reading the MPS file that Bryan Collins believed that Mr Wardell's actions merited more than just a caution. Mr Wardell's correspondence included the killing of children in his sexual fantasies. Wardell clearly mentions this in his report using the words "violent, sadistic and sickening". Mr Norris also sent letters to Mr Wardell and this too is noted by Mr Collins. Mr Wardell was not cautioned for a separate offence. He was prosecuted with Mr Norris at St Albans Crown Court.

Unfortunately Mr Collins's report sent to the DPP was never registered into the MPS Records Management system, however upon reading the police file it is apparent that Mr Collins distinguished the actions of Mr Wardell and Mr Norris as more serious than the others he was investigating.

Mr Sewell is mentioned by Bryan Collins in the police file. Mr Sewell corresponded with Mr Hayman - these letters were of a sexual nature, and was interviewed by Mr Collins. Mr Sewell initially denied being a member of PIE however later admitted joining in 1977. It is not apparent whether he was cautioned but he was not charged with Mr Wardell and Mr Norris. However Mr Sewell was later a witness in the Mr O'Carroll case in February 1980. Mr Sewell, along with other witnesses, was given a travel warrant so that he could attend court. Mr Sewell's travel warrant was issued at Vine Street police station and there is correspondence to this effect in the file.'

Please note that this information and the attached document are provided to the Inquiry in unredacted form on the understanding that they will not be disclosed onwardly to Core Participants prior to the application of the Inquiry's redaction protocol as well as consultation with the MPS on any redactions proposed by the latter.

Kind regards,

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