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Introduction

1. These submissions are made on behalf of Detective Superintendent Christopher Thomas (retired) for the purpose of the preliminary hearing that is scheduled to take place on 20 February 2020.
2. On 17 January 2020 submissions prepared by Counsel to the Inquiry ("CTI") were served on Core Participants. The view of CTI, as expressed in those submissions, is that, owing to the need to ensure the anonymity of one of the individuals who has alleged sexual abuse by Lord Janner, a hearing into the Lord Janner Investigation will not be able to take place in public.

Further, it is the opinion of CTI that a hearing in which certain of the evidence is admitted and considered in closed hearings should not take place and, therefore, the investigation should be discontinued.

3. These submissions address, on behalf of Mr Thomas, CTI's proposal that the Lord Janner Investigation should be discontinued. The submissions also address the conduct of the preliminary hearing that is scheduled to take place on 20 February 2020.

The Discontinuance of the Investigation

4. In June 2006 Mr Thomas was a Detective Superintendent with the Leicestershire Constabulary. At that time, he was appointed as the senior investigating officer on Operation Dauntless.
5. Mr Thomas rejects the criticisms made by the IOPC into his conduct in Operation Dauntless. Mr Thomas maintains that he conducted a thorough and effective investigation and that he maintained the high professional standards in Operation Dauntless as he did throughout his career. The criticisms made by the IOPC are incorrect and misguided and arise out of a deeply flawed investigation by the IOPC.
6. Mr Thomas is keen to assist the Inquiry. He recognises the importance of the Janner Investigation and looks forward to being given the opportunity to explain his involvement and actions in Operation Dauntless in order to

assist the public understanding of his and the actions of the police and to correct the unjustified criticisms of his conduct that have been made by the IOPC. Mr Thomas does not, therefore, support the proposal that the Janner Investigation should be discontinued.

7. Mr Thomas is neutral as to how the hearing should be conducted, be it through a full public hearing or in closed session. That is a matter that the Chair must determine in conjunction with CTI and their knowledge of the entirety of the evidence they have seen.

The Conduct of the Preliminary Hearing

8. CTI have requested that CPs provide submissions as to whether parts of the preliminary hearing should be held in private, and if, so whether some members of the press should be allowed to attend the closed session. Mr Thomas supports the proposal made by CTI at paragraph 68n of the submissions.

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