

The tracing and interviewing of the aforementioned witnesses will be time consuming, as would the arrest and interview of the suspect, Smith.

I do not feel that I need to highlight the potential political repercussions, nor the undoubted media interest which would follow.

To balance this, a thorough investigation would show that the previous problems had been addressed and effectively 'draw a line' under the matter. It would also deal with the possibility of any future allegations being made involving this individual or this establishment at some stage in the future.

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