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Dear Convener,

Petition 1370 from Justice for Megrahi

Thank you for your letter of 24 February which I have carefully noted.

Please accept my assurance that the time taken to respond to the Deputy Convenor's letter of 12 January was not intended to cause the committee any difficulty in its consideration of this petition nor intended, given my long standing relationship with the committee as a Law Officer, to convey any discourtesy.

It was not possible to meet the request for a response by 5 February because of the need to consider fully and deal with the serious assertion by JFM that the Crown Agent's involvement would undermine the independence of the investigation in Operation Sandwood.

That having been dealt with in my previous letter, I have asked the Crown Agent to provide you before the next meeting of the committee on 1 March with details of how COPFS deals with investigations relating to the conduct of prosecutors or former prosecutors.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Mulholland".

FRANK MULHOLLAND QC

