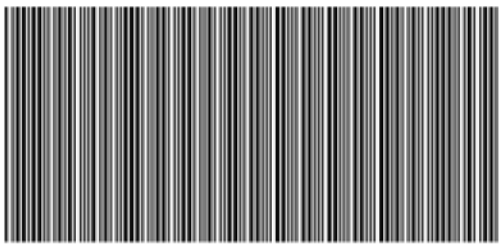
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From: Martin Bottomley
To: David Pinder
Subject: Fw: 20140704-Op_Northmoor_SIO-O
Date: 08/07/2014 09:35

Dave,

as I spoke this morning.

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Date: 04/07/2014 11:53
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Martin,

Thanks for your note below. Please do not hesitate to contact me as and when you require information or access to material. I understand your reporting timelines but would like to confirm if Detective Chief Superintendent Jackson intends to correspond sooner; I was under the impression he had 2 immediate concerns he wished to raise (media engagement and resourcing). I suspect this will assist me. I have briefed Gold, (Brigadier Bill Warren MBE) on our initial meet and explained that Mr Jackson was likley to correspond with him in the immediate future. I would be grateful if you could confirm whether I have interpreted this aspect correctly?

Otherwise, great to meet you and your team; Dave Pinder is engaging direct regarding accessing HOLMES and other material which we will facilitate together with the provision of a laptop.

Again, anything else you require, please ask.

Kind regards,

Jason

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-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
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Sent: 30 June 2014 16:00
To: Wright, Jason Capt
Subject: Op Northmoor

Hi Jason,

it was good to meet you last week and receive a comprehensive briefing - thanks.

You will be aware from discussions at the meeting that we are interested

in a number of areas and would seek to make some early observations on them, for example (in no particular order):

'Clearing the ground' - what are you dealing with;

What constitutes 'reasonableness' in a thorough and effective investigation;

Securing evidence;

Tracing documents/evidence of identification/serving notices;

Independence;

Resourcing - numbers, location, tenure;

Media strategy;

'Assessment' panels.

I'm very conscious however, that we have only scratched the surface in consideration of these issues, so am not seeking to make any specific recommendations or observations formally, other than what has already been discussed, until we have had more time to gather our thoughts, test our understanding of the context and content of your investigation, then engage in a meaningful discussion with you (and your Dep SIO) on a 'one to one'
basis, (rather than an 'open forum' style, as per last week, to ensure we retain our independence). It would be at that point that we will set out in writing our initial recommendations formally.

I guess that's a round-about way of saying, please don't expect anything formal from us within the next 2 weeks or so.

That said, I'll be happy to discuss any issues you have immediate concerns about at any time.

Best Wishes,

Martin

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