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7, July, 2000.

Dear Mr Rae,

Thank you for your letter of 29, June.

The information re your investigation was helpful and you can be assured that we will co-operate fully with the investigation team.

As you might be aware however I have serious concerns about the action taken to date by ACPO(S) in respect of my daughter's case.

I have outlined them in a recent letter to the Minister for Justice. A copy is attached for your information.

I found your own recent statements in the media less than reassuring and have little confidence in the independence of ACPO(S) in acting on the investigation's findings.

One of your members Mr John Orr appears to have presided over three years of oppressive and uncaring treatment of my daughter and my family and has failed to act despite repeated requests for him to intervene.

Instead of the apology we expected in the wake of her trial verdict and the revelations in the BBC 'Frontline' programmes, Mr Orr's only response has been to promote the Detective Chief Inspector who led the Asbury investigation and the Detective Superintendent who I believe to be responsible for Shirley's arrest and degradation.

I fully expected that Mr Orr would share our concerns and would ensure that the actions of these officers would be fairly and openly investigated. To find that he has promoted them before the ongoing enquiries are complete beggars belief and has caused Shirley and our family great distress.

Such arrogance by Mr Orr and his repeated failure to act despite mounting evidence makes me wonder if he and the other senior officers leading Strathclyde Police have lost control. Is the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police any longer accountable to anyone?

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Even the SCRO Executive Committee responsible for supervising SCRO has apparently 'fiddled while Rome burned'.

Not only must justice be done in my daughter's case but it must be seen to be done. I hope for a great deal more transparency from ACPO(S) and its members than has been apparent to date.

There are many lessons to be learned from my daughter's investigation, arrest, trial and persecution. It is my earnest hope that ACPO(S) will allow them to be learned.

Would you please confirm by return that you have copied this letter to all ACPO(S) members and keep me advised of the progress of your review.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl:

Copy: The Minister for Justice.

Mr Michael Russell MSP.