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3, August, 2000.

Dear Mr Rae,

Thank you for your letter of 13 July 2000. I have noted the contents.

As you will be aware I am in regular contact with the Investigation Team led by Mr McKay and have been kept informed of developments.

The openness and objectivity of the Tayside officers is a welcome contrast to my experiences in Strathclyde.

I have been impressed by the professional approach adopted by the Investigation Team. Their ability to conduct the investigations in a professional yet caring way is particularly welcome given the trauma my family has already experienced

This gives me hope that all outstanding matters related to Shirley's investigation, arrest and trial will finally be objectively examined, reported on and that appropriate action will be taken.

While I am extremely wary of believing any information supplied by ACPOS, SCRO or Strathclyde Police I accept that your undertakings are given in good faith particularly in respect of your assurances re '**transparency of action**'.

I will continue to co-operate fully with your team and hope that the pursuit of truth and justice is now firmly on the agenda.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,

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Iain A J McKie