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The McKie case

I WOULD like to reply to Iain McKie's letter (November 14). It is time to respond to his regular and frequent mention of the Lothian and Borders Police's 14 experts. I am one of those 14 experts whose name appeared on the letter. I did not sign the letter and I certainly did not agree with its contents. The letter was sent without my consent or approval.

We were warned that discipline was a possible course of action as management felt the correct procedures had not been followed in the drafting and release of this letter. No disciplinary action was ever taken despite the fact that management did not approve of the letter's content and the possible implications to the force.

I would be more than willing if required during the hearing scheduled for next February to give this evidence under oath. From my limited involvement with the matter, I am concerned that Mr McKie seems to be able to distort the truth to suit his purpose. Perhaps the sooner the truth (not Mr McKie's version of it) is in the public domain the better.

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Note: Although the letter referred to was written in January 2000 and to a great extent has been superseded by events it is important, as the writer states, that information on this site is accurate.

After I have made enquiry I will publish the results on site tomorrow.

Iain McKie