

## CHAPTER FOUR

### ii) DNA testing by Operation Paget

In March 2005 Operation Paget was given the sample of right femoral blood taken at the further examination of Henri Paul on Thursday 4 September 1997 by Dr Jean Pierre Campana. This blood had been retained at the IML since 1997, albeit not continuously in ideal conditions, which meant that toxicological testing of this blood would be unreliable. However it could be used for DNA analysis if necessary.

The vial of blood had a printed label showing:

*IML: 972147;*

*Nom: Paul Henry;*

*Date: 04/09/1997;*

*Sang Cardiaque;*

*Médecin: Campana*

and then handwritten 'FD' [Paget Note: Believed to denote femoral droite – right femoral], 'Floure' [fluoridated] and the figure '1' on the cap [Paget Note: Believed to be seal number 1 - see Judge Stéphan's statement earlier - *'The vials were placed under seal number one (right artery) and two (left artery).'*]

The blood had not been used for any tests in France – Dr Pépin had carried out his tests on the equivalent blood taken from the left femoral area.

On receipt of the blood, Operation Paget did not carry out DNA tests as the continuity of the blood samples taken at the examination by Dr Campana and analysed by Dr Pépin and then Dr Dumestre-Toulet was very strong. Both samples had been taken from the femoral area in the presence of the Examining Magistrate Hervé Stéphan, the Judicial Police and Dr Pépin. Following the taking of the sample, Dr Pépin himself took his signed blood exhibit [Paget Note: Left femoral blood, seal 2] directly back to his laboratory.

Toxicological analysis of that blood exhibit, identified by Dr Pépin, began the following day, under his supervision and control. Dr Pépin's results on this blood sample, from the left femoral area, showed:

- blood/alcohol level of 1.75g/l
- the presence of fluoxetine; norfluoxetine; tiapride and
- carboxyhaemoglobin level of 12.8%
- fatty acids and cholesterol

As the continuity chain of evidence is so short and so strong, Operation Paget took the view that the only viable challenge to these results would be if Dr Pépin's integrity was being challenged. However, Mohamed Al Fayed's current challenges in France indicated that he did believe this to be an issue.