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Dear Dr Hunt

DR DAVID KELLY (DECEASED)

When we spoke, I promised to write again with a couple of specific questions. I apologise for the delay in doing so.

The first relates to your giving evidence to Lord Hutton. At the very end of your evidence the following exchange took place:

- Q. *You have already dealt with this, I think, but could you confirm whether, as far as you could tell on the examination, there was any sign of third party involvement in Dr Kelly's death?*
- A. *No, there was no pathological evidence to indicate the involvement of a third party in Dr Kelly's death. Rather, the features are quite typical, I would say, of self inflicted injury if one ignores all the other features of the case.*
- Q. *Is there anything else you would like to say concerning the circumstances leading to Dr Kelly's death?*
- A. *Nothing I could say as a pathologist, no.*

Are you able to recall what you meant when you referred to ignoring all the other features of the case?

The second matter arises from the adjournment of the original inquest. After the Lord Chancellor transferred the proceedings to the Hutton Inquiry, the Coroner wrote to the Ministry of Justice seeking consent to hear further evidence from you. He wrote:

"The preliminary cause of death given at the opening of the Inquest no longer represents the view of the pathologist and evidence from him would need to be given to correct and update the evidence already received."

Did you subsequently hold a different view on the cause of death? I would be grateful for any information you can provide by way of clarification. I have also written to the Coroner on this matter.

The Attorney General is grateful to you for your assistance in this matter. If I can help in any way, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin McGinty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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