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**DR DAVID KELLY - DECEASED**

I write further to my letter to you of 22<sup>nd</sup> march and our subsequent telephone conversation.

You will recall that I raised with you the issue that after Lord Falconer had ordered that the inquest proceedings into the death of Dr Kelly be removed to the Hutton Inquiry you wrote to the Ministry of Justice to seek permission to take further evidence from Dr Hunt. You 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"The preliminary cause of death given at the opening of the Inquest no longer represents the view of the pathologist and evidence from him would need to be given to correct and update the evidence already received."

I asked if you were able to provide any information on how the pathologist's view changed and in what regard? I understand that the initial view from Dr Hunt – based on observation, was that death was caused by haemorrhage from Incised wounds to the left wrist. However, only after more detailed examination and the availability of toxicology results was it clear that coproxamol and coronary artery atherosclerosis were also present. I understand that you sought the consent of the Ministry of Justice to take further evidence from Dr Hunt. This was given and the causes of death were recorded as now shown. Is this correct?

If this is inaccurate or you would prefer to provide your own explanation I would be very happy to receive same. I only write now as the Attorney General' will announce his decision shortly.

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