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**Summary of meeting**

**Response to recent media reporting re phone tapping**

**Monday 6th September at 1600hrs**

**Room 556 (ACSO Office) – Victoria block, NSY**

**Attendees:**

ACSO John Yates - Chair (JY)  
D/Supt Dean Haydon (DH)  
Naz Saleh - DLS (NS)  
Sara Cheesley (SC)  
D/Supt Kevin Southworth - minutes (KS)

**Summary:**

JY explained that the purpose of the actions required was to seek clarity as to whether there was any new evidence amongst the recent media reporting before making any further decision. This is not, at this stage, a further investigation. DSupt Haydon (as ACSO's former Staff Officer) will lead this separate and independent effort to clarify the above.

In relation to the recent statements made by Sean Hoare:

**Action:** DH to review the transcripts of different statements in the public domain

**Action:** DH to liaise with a CPS representative to discuss any new material that comes to light.

In relation to statements made in a book by Sharron Marshall:

**Action:** DH to consider interviewing as a witness

In relation to the recent reporting in the New York Times:

SC has formulated a press line in relation to their initial refusal to release details of the material in their possession.

**Action:** NS to draft a letter from JY to the NY Times point of contact to formally request their voluntary disclosure of this material.

In relation to statement made by Andy Coulson:

**Action:** NS to draft a letter from DH to express thanks and say that we will be in contact in due course.

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In relation to CPS engagement:

(See above Action for DH re CPS)

**Action:** JY to consult DPP or appropriate deputy.

In relation to MPA briefing:

**Action:** KS to email Catherine Crawford and extend the offer of a brief from JY to the Chair

In relation to OPSEC:

**Action:** DH to deliver strategy including liaison with Covert Operational Security Advisor

In relation to Media:

**Action:** SC to ensure appropriate lines in place re each aspect - eg statements of Hoare, Coulson, NY Times reporting and stance of MPS.