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Terms of Reference: Investigation into the Murder of Mrs Rosemary Nelson at Lurgan, Co. Armagh, on 15 March 1999

I am grateful to your Chief Constable and to you, for your acceptance of appointment as *Officer in Overall Command* of the investigation into the murder of Mrs Rosemary Nelson at Lurgan, Co. Armagh, on 15 March 1999.

You are of course well aware of the international interest in this terrible atrocity and therefore of the need, not only to ensure the most effective investigation it is humanly possible to conduct, but to demonstrate for reassurance of right-thinking people everywhere that this is so.

To this end you know of course, of my immediate involvement in the investigation of Mr David Phillips (Chief Constable of Kent and Chairman of the ACPO Crime Committee), together with some of his officers from Kent, and of a number of agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr Phillips and his officers will remain available to you in an advisory capacity, as will whatever resources from the FBI you deem to be appropriate and of assistance.

Hereunder, as discussed, please now find your specific terms of reference:

1. It will be your responsibility to direct, control and supervise all aspects (including media handling) of the investigation into the murder of Mrs Rosemary Nelson.
2. Your objective will be to identify and prosecute the person or persons responsible for the murder of Mrs Nelson, or for any associated offence revealed through the process of the inquiry.
3. You may thus absorb into your investigation any matter elicited during its progress which appears to you to be linked or otherwise connected to it.