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22. Paul Mageean at CAJ wrote to Adam Ingram on 10 August 1998 in response to Noel Marsden's letter dated 7 July 1998 **RNI 106.287-290**. Enclosed with the letter was a pamphlet entitled "Man Without a Future" and a handwritten threatening note. This correspondence would initially have been dealt with by the administrative team in the Private Office. Upon receipt of correspondence addressed to the Minister, the administrative team issued a copy to the Head of the relevant policy Division within NIO to prepare advice and a reply for the Minister's attention.

23. A copy of the Minister's Case file on this is attached at  . The covering sheet has been completed by the administrative staff in the Private Office and shows to whom the letter was copied. It also records that the letter was acknowledged on 18 August 1998. The front cover sheet also records that the letter was referred to Christine Collins, Head of Police Division on 18 August 1998 to prepare advice and a draft reply by no later than 31 August 1998. It would appear that from there it was referred to Simon Rogers on 19 August 1998.

24. It would appear Simon Rogers must have delegated the task to Lesley Foster as she then wrote to Superintendent **P136** on 26 August 1998 stating she enclosed a copy of the leaflet entitled "Man Without a Future" and the handwritten threatening note. At that stage the Private Office would be unaware of the action taken by the Division. Superintendent **P136** then responded on 3 September 1998 concluding that the police are unaware of any specific threat against Mrs Nelson. As far as I am aware, neither Adam Ingram nor anyone from his Private Office requested a threat assessment on Mrs Nelson. I am not familiar with the procedures or processes which would give rise to such a threat assessment being made.