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Dear Sir Louis,

Please find enclosed a copy of a report that we have recently submitted to the United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers concerning certain problems faced by defence lawyers.

As you can see, it raises some serious concerns. I hope that when you have studied it you will reply letting us know what steps you will be taking or recommending in order to remedy the matters to which it draws attention.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Winter,
 Director.