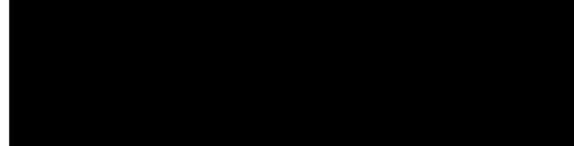Permanent House
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Date: 01 March 2012
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Dear Sirs,

Re: POL v Angela Mary Sefton and Anne Nield
Case POLTD / 1112 /0208

In my opinion the evidence is sufficient to afford a realistic prospect of conviction in respect of the draft charges attached. In light of their admissions in interview, the prospects of success are good.

In view of the nature of the charges, the amount involved which has not been repaid and the breach of trust aspect, this is not a case suitable for caution.

The case is not suitable for trial in the Magistrates Court given the maximum powers of sentence currently being limited to 6 months imprisonment for a single either way offence.

Whilst their remains a suspicion that both Sefton and Nield were involved in theft of the losses concerned given their prolonged attempt to cover these up, they could blame each other, making individual responsibility difficult if not impossible to ascertain, and at present there is insufficient evidence surrounding the handling of cash at the branch to rule out the possibility of a third party being responsible. On the other hand they have made clear admissions to false accounting, admitting intent to cause loss, even if only for a temporary period. The prospect of them ever making good the losses of course dwindled as the losses increased.

The following statements will be required in the event that the charges are disputed.

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Stephen Bradshaw – dealing with his investigation, and the interviews of Ms Sefton and Ms Neild.

Mr Ali Askar – dealing with his employment of the defendants, office procedures and cash handling at the branch.

I enclose herewith for your attention your original file of papers and a statement of facts in this case.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the office.

Yours sincerely

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