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Dear Sir,

I am now retained on behalf of Post Office Ltd in relation to the provision of legal advice and guidance concerning their internal criminal investigations within Northern Ireland. Previously an English-based legal adviser provided this service.

I will be consulted from the initial stage through to completion of a report for consideration by the Public Prosecution Service (PPS). The current process involves the submission of the completed Post Office investigator's file to the Police Service of Northern Ireland responsible for the area in which any alleged offence occurred. The PSNI then submit the papers to the appropriate Public Prosecution Service office for direction. The PSNI do not review the papers or comment on strength/ weakness of the evidence within same. They merely forward the papers to the appropriate PPS office. It seems the PSNI are the conduit whereby a file is delivered to the PPS – in effect a 'post box'.

While there may be specific reasons why this process must continue I would appreciate an opportunity to meet. I suggest it may be beneficial if all Post Office investigation files are submitted direct from my office to the appropriate PPS thus removing the perceived "post box" role of the police. I would welcome an opportunity to meet and discuss.

I await an early response.

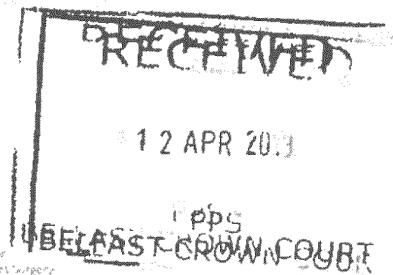
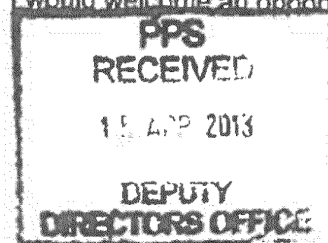
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