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For the attention of Mrs S Berlin  
Criminal Case Review Commission  
5 St Philip's Place  
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26<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Dear Mrs Berlin

**Horizon Computer System**

I refer to my letter of 24 July 2013 in which I indicated that I hoped to be in a position to provide you with a more detailed response by today. Whilst I am not yet in a position to notify you of all the details you requested in your letter dated 12 July I do set out below our proposed course of action in this matter.

POL accepts that a number of criminal convictions may be impacted by the matters highlighted in the Second Sight Interim report and it has taken early and determined steps to identify those cases where such an impact may fall.

To that end POL has decided to instruct Brian Altman QC, former First Treasury Counsel with substantial prosecuting experience whose remit it is intended should be, in broad terms, to review and advise POL on its strategy and process for reviewing past/current prosecutions given the findings of the Second Sight interim report. Moreover, we intend asking counsel to report to the Post Office Board in due course with his findings.

POL has also instructed an external firm of criminal specialist solicitors to identify every criminal case prosecuted by POL and the Royal Mail Group (prior to their separation on 1 April 2012), and in any event in the last three years, so as to determine the safety of the convictions. Once such a case is identified, counsel will also be asked to review the case fully so as to determine the proper approach to be taken.

We hope that the content of this letter and the kind of processes and review we intend initiating allays your concerns and those of the Attorney General. We take the view that it is incumbent upon POL as a major public institution to take every reasonable step to ensure that those whose convictions may be regarded as unsafe are given justice.

Yours sincerely

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General Counsel