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Our Ref: CRM/256512/JMcF

Dear Sir

<u>REGINA v SEEMA MISRA</u> <u>GUILDFORD CROWN COURT</u> <u>TRIAL – 15[™] MARCH 2010</u>

Jarnail Singh has referred paragraph 23 of your advice in this case to me.

I am a little concerned at Counsel's suggestion that Royal Mail disclose Hosi's Expert Report and more particularly the prosecution papers. Counsel may not realise that Hosi's report is preliminary as the Defence have certainly not completed their enquiries. I do not understand the thinking behind disclosure of prosecution papers in respect of a case that has not been brought to trial. Is Counsel saying that the report though incomplete undermines the prosecution case?

Further could Counsel advise how it assists the Defence to know that the prosecution has another undecided case where the reliability of Horizon in issue. I am raising this as at the moment a number of Defendants are taking this line simply because they have seen the article in the computer press rather than because Horizon has thrown up a problem.

Could Counsel advise.

Yours faithfully

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