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Subject: Notes for James Arbuthnot / Alice Perkins Pre-meeting

Alice,

Notes for your meeting with James below. Unfortunately, I have not yet been unable to retrieve any more information on Michael Rudkin.

Regards, Simon

Key Points:

1. The problem areas that Second Sight will highlight on the 25th are **not new allegations**
2. No information regarding these allegations has been provided to the Post Office – so we will be **not able to respond to the allegations at the meeting**
3. The investigation is significantly **delayed** (now expecting to end in Autumn 2013) and **over budget** (from £120k to £300K) – with concerns it could slip further

Questions – areas for discussion:

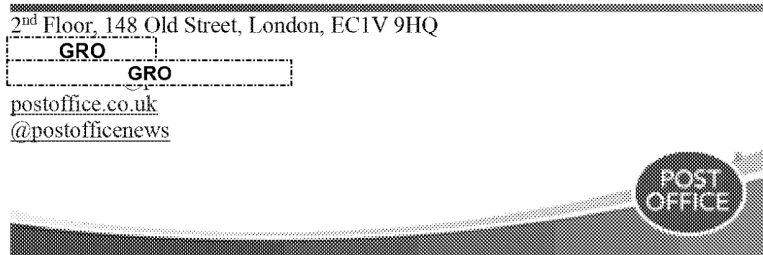
1. **Does the timing of the meeting still make sense?**
 - a. Should we delay it to a time when Post Office has had an opportunity to review the information and able to respond to MP's questions?
2. **Does it still make sense for a Post Office representative to attend?**
 - a. We are happy to have someone attend - because we want to support James
 - b. The Post Office representative will only be attending to listen
 - c. Does James agree that it does not make sense for it to be Alice or Paula?
3. **Can James help us prevent further timescale slippage and budget overruns?**
 - a. We are concerned about the overrunning timescales and increasing costs (public money)
 - b. To ensure investigative independence, Post Office has not enforced budgetary or time constraints on the investigation – we feel these type of boundaries might be better coming from James.
 - c. We acknowledge the importance of bringing the JFSA along with us – but at what cost?

- d. Is there a fit for purpose argument? Should we consider if we can get the same results sooner and for less?
- e. Consider asking Second Sight to complete the investigation before summer recess?

As a Heads up to James

- 1. So James is clear, these allegations aren't all from unbiased people. We know at least some of the allegations are from people who have a history of making allegations against the Post Office

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