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Mrs C. Martin
The Bristol Royal Infirmary Inquiry
2-10 Temple Way
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Dear Mrs Martin

Thank you for your letters and bundle of documents received on the 22nd March, asking me to respond by the 25th.

(I have just returned to my duties after some three months recovering from spinal surgery.)

Apart from my suggested observations, purely as to the law, in Professor McSween's statement, I make no comment.

You will be aware from the documentation readily supplied from this office, that the Switch deaths reported to me from 1992 onwards were, following post mortem examination, recorded and registered as deaths from natural causes.

Again, you will be well aware, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that my powers of enquiry ceased immediately thereupon.

Furthermore, you will also understand as a Solicitor that, as the judicial officer having jurisdiction, I am unable, nor can I be required, to give evidence to a public enquiry regarding matters subject of the exercise of my judicial functions.

Yours sincerely

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