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**12, March, 2000.**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Mr Boyd,

**HMA V SHIRLEY MCKIE**

You will be aware of my ongoing correspondence with your office and the Minister for Justice re my daughter Shirley McKie.

I do not intend to review my complaints here. They are clearly laid out in my previous letters.

I have received a letter dated 10, March, 2000 sent on your behalf by Mr Andrew Miller.

I find its tone arrogant and offensive and the contents misleading.

There are three issues arising from Mr Miller's letter that I would draw to your attention.

1. As stated I did receive a letter from Mr Miller on 12, July, 1999. This reply, however, completely failed to address the major issues I had raised in my letter of 9, June, 1999. My general allegations were of possible oppression, incompetence and perjury during the investigation and trial of my daughter. Mr Miller's reply did not come near to addressing these issues.

He also failed to respond to my offer of evidence to support my claims. I fully believed that as the complainer I would be given the opportunity to present further evidence before any conclusions were reached and a reply was formulated.

2. To state that all of my complaints have been referred to the Justice Minister astounds and angers me. To further suggest that Mr Wallace alone has responsibility to investigate and answer my complaints is totally wrong and makes me wonder if my letters have been read let alone understood.

It is my understanding that the Lord Advocate has the ultimate responsibility for the investigation of crime in Scotland. It follows therefore you have the responsibility to ensure the full investigation of my allegations of oppression, incompetence and perjury by individuals and agencies involved in the investigation and trial of Shirley McKie.

3. I did not receive a reply dated 3, February from Mr Jeff Gibbons as alleged. I would appreciate a copy of this letter.

Since this whole sorry affair started three years ago evidence of a possible hidden agenda has slowly been revealed. It is clear that this agenda continues to control the action, or rather the inaction, of the Scottish Prosecution System in relation to my daughter's case.

Why has the System failed time after time to respond to the many complaints and observations made in connection with Shirley McKie's investigation and trial?

Why has there been such a high level of activity in seeking to suppress the facts at home and abroad?

I am reluctantly led to the conclusion that the endless procrastination is linked to the forthcoming Lockerbie trial. The run up to the trial would certainly not be an opportune time for the failures of our prosecution and fingerprinting systems to be highlighted yet again.

Such a conclusion frankly appals me and I sincerely hope I am proved to be wrong. I look forward to you appraising me of the facts.

I can assure you that there have been serious flaws in the handling of my complaints by your representatives. I hope you can bring some understanding and clarity to the issues and develop a strategy for their early resolution.

I can assure you of my full co-operation to these ends.

Yours sincerely,

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**Iain A J McKie**

