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26, November, 2001.

Dear Sir Roy,

Mr Jim Wallace the Minister for Justice has informed me that the SCRO Executive Committee is implementing an investigation and discipline procedure following on from the findings of the numerous enquiries in the Shirley McKie case.

I am delighted to be informed that the proceedings will include an independent element.

I am writing to you because I believe your committee's decisions in these matters are extremely important in the message they send out to SCRO and other common police services.

In a letter to Mr Wallace dated 26, June, 2000 I made the following complaint:

'That the organisations and persons responsible for supervising SCRO failed to carry out their responsibilities and as a result failed to identify serious shortcomings in the operation of that organisation.'

It will not have escaped your notice that the SCRO Executive Committee was one such supervisory organisation and that some individuals continue as supervisory officers within SCRO.

It appears from the information available to me that to some extent the Police Investigating Team established by ACPOS was thwarted in its work by the failure of some SCRO supervisors and unit members to be open and accountable. It has been described to me as 'a conspiracy of silence.'

It is clear that without exception supervisory organisations and individuals have sought to distance themselves from any kind of responsibility.

I trust your investigations will look at these issues.

That the catalogue of mistakes discovered during the various investigations was either gross incompetence or criminality is beyond argument. In the opinion of the Lord Advocate criminality **could not be proved.**

I look forward to being reassured that the incompetence and disciplinary issues will now be addressed no matter at what level they are identified.

It is important that our years of fighting for justice are brought to an end in an open and accountable way.

I would also appreciate your assurance that this letter will be brought to the attention of your committee and any independent element appointed.

Yours sincerely,

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Iain A J McKie