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**WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

**18 June 2003.**

Dear Mr Boyd,

I refer to my letter of 7 April, 2003.

In the 12 weeks since writing to you I only received a short acknowledgement after prompting from myself and have still not been informed what action is being taken.

I have received no assurances that my request for an **'immediate independent enquiry'** has been met.

Of more concern however is the fact, that given my complaint is clearly of a criminal nature and 12 weeks have already passed, neither myself nor Professor Espie have been interviewed by the investigating officers.

My clear understanding of criminal investigation procedure is that complainers are always interviewed before possible suspects to ascertain the validity of their complaints and to ensure that as much evidence as possible is available before suspects are approached.

Given the above concerns and the failure of the Police and Crown authorities to act openly in these matters in the past I have decided that my letters to you and other matters relating to my daughter's case will be the subject of a press conference to be held in Edinburgh on Monday 23 June.

I can assure you that the further trauma of publicity is the last thing that I want for Shirley and our family but I feel that I have no alternative given the lack of openness and trust that has developed.

If you have any information you feel is relevant to this conference please do not hesitate to contact me at the e-mail address or telephone number shown above. Please feel free to have a representative attend if you wish.

At this time I would also like to raise two related issues with you.

1. Given the findings of the various enquiries clearly establishing that the fingerprint 'identifications' made by SCRO experts in the Marion Ross case were erroneous and could not be relied upon and the appeal court's decision to quash the David Asbury conviction could you please tell me what steps have been taken to re-open the Marion Ross murder enquiry and identify the killer.
2. Could you please inform me what enquiries have been made to identify who left the 'fingerprint' wrongly identified as my daughter's? Bearing in mind that it was found at the point where Marion Ross's body was found it could be of crucial value in identifying her killer.

As always my comments are made in good faith and I am open to be contacted at any time if you feel they are inaccurate or ill informed.

Yours sincerely,

**Iain A J McKie**