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15, January, 2000.

Dear Mr Wallace,

HMA V Shirley McKie or Cardwell: High Court, Glasgow – 21.4.99 to 14.5.99

I refer to the attached copy letter to the Lord Advocate re the above subject.

I would appreciate it if you, in your capacity as Minister for Justice, could take the steps necessary to ensure that the issues raised are addressed.

My concerns as detailed to the Lord Advocate are serious and strike at the very heart of Scottish Justice. I therefore consider them relevant to your office and of concern to yourself.

The previous action taken by the Lord Advocate was, in my opinion, completely inadequate. This letter and the BBC 'Frontline' programme are a direct result of his failure to order an open and independent enquiry into the actions of SCRO and the prosecution services.

I have been in discussion with Mr Phil Gallie, my daughter's MSP, and have copied the attached letter to him.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,

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Iain A J McKie

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