

## **4 Days to Go**

**With only 4 days to go till the Court of Session confidence remains high in the McKie camp. Although nerve-wracking there is a strong sense of anticipation in the air and as always your letters, e-mails and telephone calls continue to re-assure and encourage us.**

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**Dear Shirley and Iain,**

Just touching base to let you know we have survived Christmas and New Year without being eaten by sharks or getting burnt by raging bush fires, the traditional stuff of all Aussie January's.

I understand Scotland was mighty cold; hope you both had a great Christmas and I do trust that 2006 will be a good year for you.

Our thoughts are with you.

Best regards,

**L and H**

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**Shirley and Iain**

Warmest greetings from Canada!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to pass along my very best wishes to you both for the upcoming Court of Session. I know it's been a long time coming but I remain cautiously optimistic that the resolution to your ordeal is finally within reach. I don't think anyone can ever really know how difficult this ordeal must have been for you and your family unless they were in your shoes. You are to be commended for somehow finding the strength to get through this and it's been truly amazing! I know it's not been without personal and emotional cost but you're almost there.

I can understand how the David and Goliath syndrome could be nerve-wracking and do empathise with you. On the positive side though, I think when you look at the litany of mistakes and subsequent cover-ups made by SCRO et al, I wouldn't be surprised if they're the ones feeling a little more like David.

What the SCRO and the Scottish Police Service has done is indefensible in light of the mounting evidence so it actually wouldn't be a surprise to see them in full damage control, even at this late stage, once the hearing gets under

way. In my humble opinion though, even if the steadfastly refuse to admit any wrongdoing, I don't see how any judge worth his salt can put any credence to their case. It would almost defy logic. Then again, this has been quite the roller coaster....

Whatever happens, I look forward to reading your periodic updates.

We'll all be thinking of you over the next few weeks and I personally look forward to seeing justice finally prevail so that you may have your lives back and those that have put you through this face their day of reckoning.

Take care and good luck.

**TG**  
**Senior Forensic Analyst**  
**Canada**

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**Dear Iain**

A message to wish you all the very best and to say I will be thinking of you both in the coming weeks of the trial and hope that things go as well as they possibly can. I very much hope that your case gets the media coverage it deserves and that the right questions are asked as a result of it.

I can only imagine how nerve racking it is waiting for the hearing to start - it must have seemed like you were never going to get to this point. I hope that the fact so many people care passionately, encourages both you and Shirley in the weeks ahead.

Keep your spirits up and best wishes to Shirley.

**L Scotland.**

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**Dear Iain and Shirley,**

You know that my thoughts and every ounce of support will be with you over the next few weeks. It is going to be a very hard time for you all, but you have huge support behind you and if you take each day as it comes, you will soon get to the end of what has been a very long road. Injustice, cover-ups and lies just cannot be allowed to happen. You are taking this on not just for yourselves, but for others who may find themselves in a similar situation in future. All your supporters are VERY proud of you.

Shirley, if there is anything I can do for you while your dad is in Edinburgh, please phone me on ..... If you'd like to spend the day here, it

would be lovely to see you - a change of scenery may help to take your mind off things for a little while.

Every extremity will be crossed for you both!

Much love,

**T C. Scotland**

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**Ian,**

Roll on next Tuesday. We are thinking about you all.

Regards to every one.

**B. Scotland**

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**Dear Iain and Shirley,**

..... and I were watching Shirley's message on the media player a few minutes ago.

We feel deeply for you all and send our best hopes that all these years of hard work will come to success. Give her our warmest regards.

Six days to go - not long before a major step forward.  
Mustn't go on too long, 'nuff said!

Awrrabest,

**C and T. Scotland.**

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**Dear Iain**

I wish you both every success in the coming weeks. When it's over, write a book and make a film. Watergate was not nearly so intense.

Cheers

**R. Scotland.**