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By Email Patrick.Maguire@slaterguson.co.uk

Dear Patrick

Westminster Bridge Inquests

Thank you for sending the written submissions on behalf of Michelle Palmer, the widow of PC Keith Palmer, by email yesterday at 22:23. The Inquests Team has discussed those submissions this morning, alongside the written requests for disclosure on behalf of the separately represented members of PC Palmer's family (dated 13 September 2018), the response on behalf of the MPS (dated 20 September 2018), and the email from Speaker's Counsel (dated 20 September 2018).

This letter is copied to all IPs.

We shall take the following steps:

- 1 In respect of paragraph 21(b) of the written requests dated 13 September 2018, we now note that the MPS is making enquiries to answer those questions and is searching for relevant material.
- 2 In respect of paragraph 21(d) of the same document, we have asked the MPS to provide any records which are in existence which underpin the comment in the MM1 form that "it is clear that this practice is not unique to these officers, and that wider command practice was reflective of the same misunderstanding". If the MPS confirms that there are no such records, we consider that this is a question for Commander Usher. In any event, we expect Commander Usher to prepare himself to answer that question.
- 3 In respect of the new request made on behalf of PC Palmer's widow concerning records of checks (at paragraph 10 of yesterday's written submissions), we have passed this on to the MPS and have asked whether such records exist and (if so) whether they can be provided within a reasonable time.

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We have emphasised to the MPS that, with reference to each of these three requests, any such material should be provided as soon as practicable, and before the evidence of Commander Usher on Monday if at all possible.

Yours sincerely

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