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Dear Dr Nickl,

On 7th April 2008 at the Royal Courts of Justice in London the inquests into the deaths of Diana, Princess of Wales and Mr Dodi Al Fayed were concluded when the jury, having heard all of the evidence, reached a majority verdict that both were unlawfully killed as the result of the grossly negligent driving of the Mercedes and the following vehicles. The jury rejected all of the conspiracy theories that have been circulated over the last 11 years.

The inquests were the final phase of the investigations carried out in France and the United Kingdom into the deaths. All the indications are that the interested persons accepted the verdicts and that the matter is now at an end.

During the course of the Metropolitan Police investigation into allegations of 'Conspiracy to Murder' made by Mr Mohamed Al Fayed and in the build up to the inquests many people aided my enquiry team. I wanted to write to you personally to thank you for the valuable assistance provided to Operation Paget and the Metropolitan Police Service by your company during the course of this complex and high profile investigation.

In particular, I would like to thank Dr Find and Herr Bettinger for the considerable amount of work, often at short notice and to tight timescales that they put into providing my officers with the evidence that was required by the jury to reach their conclusions. Without their assistance those definitive verdicts may not have been possible and the uncertainty may have continued for many years.

The inquest verdicts were the result of a tremendous team effort by many people and I am extremely grateful to you for the part that your company and your staff played in achieving this result and for their commitment and professionalism.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Stevens