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Dear Sir

I wrote to you on September 17 respectfully requesting that you show restraint in reporting on the investigation into Madeleine McCann's disappearance. I was prompted to do this after I became increasingly concerned regarding the continued speculation and rumour surrounding the case.

This reporting, to a large extent, continues to be extremely unhelpful and I remain deeply concerned at the implications this may have for all involved.

A number of reports have been published quoting anonymous Leicestershire police sources which simply have no foundation. We are taking steps to address this through the Press Complaints Commission. I would reiterate again that Leicestershire Police will not comment on any aspect of the investigation and suggest that you treat with caution any comments that allegedly come from a Leicestershire police source.

We have an extensive audit trail of both headlines and reporting which have no apparent basis in reality. To be frank, speculation and rumour appear to have taken precedence over due diligence.

Leicestershire Constabulary, along with other UK enforcement agencies, remains committed to supporting and assisting our Portuguese colleagues to find out what has happened to Madeleine.

Yours faithfully



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