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Dear Sue,

I hope you do not mind me writing to you again with a number of further leads that I believe warrant urgent investigation as part of your ongoing enquiries.

I am told that News International holds expenses payments records on green sheets of paper. Obtaining these for the crime correspondents of both the News of the World and The Sun would enable you to find any evidence that links very senior management to police officers. The internal investigation so far has deliberately been restricted to email trawls.

It would also be worthwhile asking News International if their independent legal counsel have seen these documents and examined them going back 5-10 years. They are trying to firewall this issue to the News of the World only. It is the expenses payment records to police that will link The Sun.

I have been informed that News International also has a cash office. Reporters making payments had to fill in a cash form that was always signed off in the editor's office. You need to ask News International if their independent legal counsel has examined the cash payments records, check who is named on the documents and who signed them off.

Much of this information would be held on the ECS contributor's payments system to which you would need to request access. This is where, if they have not already

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been shredded or deleted, evidence will be buried. It is very important to ask whether this paperwork has been examined, and whether it has been shredded.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Tom Watson
Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East

* A meeting with Sue Akers followed this letter.