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Further to your letter of 2nd February 2012, I am writing in response to your questions.

1. Brief summary of career history. I am the owner and director of Champneys Group of Health Resorts and I have worked for the family business since 1981.
2. Facilities provided - please see :
http://www.champneys.3dvp.co.uk/Champneys_eBrochure_2012/
3. Relationship with Sir Paul Stephenson. I have known him for 4 years, since he attended a charity function at Champneys Tring. I have met or spoken to him on only 6 occasions since and prior to his visit for rehabilitation. I met him through Brian Cousins who has been a friend and consultant to Champneys Group since 1986. His son is married to Sir Paul Stephenson's daughter and he works as a carer. My bond with the Cousins family is strong and we have supported the family through difficult times as they lost one child through Fredrickson and one is seriously ill. The nature of my relationship with Sir Paul Stephenson was understanding the plight he faced with cancer and general well-being in February 2011. I offered him support with the expertise of Champneys.
4. How do I know Neil Wallis? I have known him over 20 years with my dealings with press editorships he has worked at. The contact has been spasmodic. I would not consider him to be a friend.
5. Champneys employ a PR Agency called Outside to represent the company's press relationships. Neil Wallis joined the company after our employment of this company and then worked on our account for a period of time. To be quite honest, his performance was inept and contact with me irregular.
6. I did not know there was any relationship between Sir Paul Stephenson and Neil Wallis and it was not discussed at any time to either of them.

7. Sir Paul Stephenson stayed for one night in May 2007 to attend a charity ball which raised over £100,000. He was a guest of Brian Cousins, who I believe was a minor sponsor at the event. I enclose accounts (p1-12) detailing various stays from February 2011 when Sir Paul Stephenson, and on occasions his wife, Lady Linda, stayed at Champneys for rehabilitation.
8. How many individuals has Champneys offered hospitality to? Probably thousands. It is not uncommon for guests to receive complimentary accommodation, all are expected to pay for treatments. This is very common in hotels, for press visits etc. I would also state at this point that it is also my home and I can invite who I like, when I like, at any time and for whatever reason I like. However, these have not and have never been police officers. I have offered in the past many individuals the opportunity of complimentary accommodation as part of recovery and will continue to do so.
9. Hospitality to Sir Paul Stephenson. Hospitality was provided to Sir Paul Stephenson as the recovery plan he had in Blackburn was not working, due to the long distances he had to travel for physio. Although the accommodation was complimentary, Sir Paul Stephenson had intended to pay. The arrangement was very relaxed. I had a letter forwarded to me (attached - p13) that Champneys enabled Sir Paul to return to work well beyond the original planned date (if you see his medical records and the place that he was in on his arrival). Had the Home Office bothered to investigate properly, they would have found Sir Paul Stephenson had been in his office in March and April on many occasions because he was easily able to be driven to his office from Champneys during this period.
10. Hospitality offered to Sir Paul Stephenson was by me and me alone.
11. The hospitality was offered to enable him to go back to work at an earlier date. I felt that his position as a prominent Civil Servant and responsibility for the safety and protection of citizens of London was important and Champneys provided a service, we should be commended for it.
12. The financial value of the hospitality was minimal. Sir Paul Stephenson had offered and would have paid in time. All additional treatments were paid for by Sir Paul.
13. Neil Wallis had no knowledge or any influence whatsoever of Sir Paul Stephenson's stay.
14. No discussion with Neil Wallis was ever made.
15. Neil Wallis had no knowledge of hospitality.
16. Why would I have any concerns of offering hospitality to Sir Paul Stephenson? Why should I apologise having helped another human being in

such distress? Why should I apologise for helping someone to get back to work earlier? Why should I apologise or give any explanation to whom and what is charged to stay in my home?

17. No contact was made between Sir Paul Stephenson and Neil Wallis during the stay to my knowledge.

In conclusion, Champneys is very proud of the work it did in helping Sir Paul Stephenson to return to work at an earlier date. We are happy to provide any further information.

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