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From: Denholm, Craig 2997
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2002 17:57
To: Gibson, Stuart 2921
Subject: FW: Letter to ACC Surrey Police ACC/12.4.2002

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From: Clarke, Frank 2345
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2002 16:16
To: Denholm, Craig 2997
Subject: FW: Letter to ACC Surrey Police ACC/12.4.2002

Craig,

I have had Stuart on the phone and answered the following Q's:

- 1 & 2 Early in the enquiry we identified and eliminated a number of persons who are registered sex offenders.
- 3 & 4 We have looked at a number of current and previous misper enquiries and have not linked our enquiry with any other.
- 5, 6, & 7 Unwilling to answer as they are operational matters for the SIO to have a view on and to respond if appropriate.
- 8 Delays in releasing material are in line with our Media strategy.
- 9 Matter for the SIO and outside myn knowledge
- 10 & 11 I have explained our rationale in respect of rewards already. We are still receiving good supporting coverage from the media and therefore wish to keep a reward in reserve should the story go cold.
- 12 Open mind - all options being considered.

I said you or the SIO would respond to the remaining Q's.

[Clarke, Frank 2345]

-----Original Message-----

From: Kuttner, Stuart [SMTP]
Sent: 12 April 2002 13:44
To: ik'
Subject: Letter to ACC Surrey Police ACC/12.4.2002

- > Attn Mr Frank Clarke
- > Assistant Chief Constable
- > Surrey Police April 12 2002
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- > Dear Mr Clarke
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- > Amanda Dowler
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- > As you know, in connection with the Surrey Police inquiry into the disappearance of Amanda Dowler, I had hoped for a meeting to discuss Police/Media cooperation.
- > I am sorry that you have not had an opportunity for such meeting.
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- > However, I hope you will be able to help us with a response to the following inquiries:
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- > 1 So far, we have identified eight convicted child sex offenders who appear to live within a two/three mile radius of Amanda's home and school. Can you tell us whether any/all of these people have been interviewed?
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- > 2 If so, do Surrey Police regard any of them as suspects?
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- > 3 In October last year, Surrey Police alerted the local community to the attempted abduction of two boys aged 10 and 11 in Walton on Thames High Street. In addition, the notification drew attention to a further attempted abduction in West Molesey. Have these events been linked to the Dowler case?
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- > 4 Six years ago, a girl, Ruth Wilson, disappeared from Dorking and is still missing. If Ruth was abducted and/or murdered, do you consider this relevant to the Dowler inquiry?
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- > 5 Have Police discovered any clues to explain Amanda's disappearance?

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- > 6 If so, what are they?
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- > 7 Do you plan a further reconstruction following witnesses' reports that a girl resembling Amanda was seen distressed and crying in the street, and talking to the driver of a blue Saab car on the afternoon she disappeared?
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- > 8 Can you let us know the reason for the nine day delay between the News of the World alerting Surrey Police to the existence of the school CCTV footage and its release to the media on April 6?
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- > 9 We understand Surrey Police have a selection of unreleased pictures of Amanda. Will you provide those to the News of World for publication to enable us to keep the search high in the public consciousness?
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- > 10 As Surrey Police are aware, the News of the World has repeatedly advised that it is ready to offer and publicise a Reward for information which may help find Amanda? Can you tell me whether Police support such action.
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- > 11 If not, can you please explain why Police continue to object to this initiative?
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- > 12 At this stage of the inquiry can you tell us whether, on balance, you believe Amanda has (a) gone off voluntarily; (b) been abducted; or (c) is still alive?
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- > Finally, as we have made clear in discussions with Surrey Police, we remain anxious to play a constructive role. Accordingly, we would welcome suggestions as to how the News of the World (with a readership of almost 10 million people) could help in the search for Amanda.
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- > I look forward to hearing from you.
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- > Yours sincerely
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- > Stuart Kuttner
- > Managing Editor
- > News of the World
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