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Dear Mr Hossack,

Re: Your Accident Claim

Further to our previous conversation in relation to the breach of confidentiality by the DSS, in my most recent letter to Mrs Hossack I have put some thoughts forward in relation to this.

As I have said to her in that letter I consider it as a very difficult issue and I would be reluctant to advise you to withdraw co-operation with the DSS notwithstanding your lack of confidence in them.

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter I received back from the Benefits agency although we have spoken about the contents previously.

I have also written back to the Benefits Agency asking them to confirm if there are any situations in which legitimately they would be allowed to release that sort of information to third party's Solicitors.

I do note that there are situation in which such information can be released but I am not aware that it can ever be released to Solicitors in this manner.

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As I have previously stated, I consider that it is most unlikely that a Court would accept that no conversation took place between the Benefits Agency in Dudley and Wragge & Co when the file at Wragge & Co apparently reflects that on 4th January such a conversation did take place. There would be no reason for Wragge & Co to make that up.

I have also asked Mrs Hossack to make an appointment for me to see both you and her during the week starting 29th April to finalise Statements for each of you.

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