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Dr Zorab tells me that he heard nothing further from Dr Bolsin until after, as he put it, "the bubble burst" and the matter became public. Dr Zorab then received a letter from Dr Bolsin saying that the Chairman of the Trust had been asking why he, Dr Bolsin, had not done anything sooner, to which he had replied that he had spoken to Dr Zorab some years previously and asked Dr Zorab for a copy of the letter that he had sent to me so that this could be shown to the Trust. (I should point out that at the time of my correspondence with Dr Zorab he was not a member of the Specialist Accreditation Committee of the RCS).

During the last year of my Presidency, ie between July 1991 and 1992, I set up a working party to report on the neo-natal and infant cardiac surgical units in the UK for the Supra Regional Services Advisory Group. At the time, this service was under threat of de-designation from the Department of Health. The working party looked at all the centres, which included Bristol, and figures on mortality for operations were also obtained. My recollection is that Bristol's results were towards the bottom of the table, although I cannot be absolutely sure of this.

In order to clarify matters further, I am attempting to obtain copies of both the latter report and the minutes of the Specialist Advisory Committee for Cardio-thoracic Surgery surrounding the time when Dr Zorab wrote to me and when I get further information I will communicate this to you.

Your sincerely,  
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