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Dear Terence

I hope that you had a highly successful trip to and safe journey back from Pakistan, and are refreshed after a demanding but successful term as President.

Following our telephone conversations of Thursday evening ~~23rd~~<sup>24th</sup> and Friday afternoon 24th, I was not entirely happy about our agreement to take Presidential and Chairman's action over the Working Party's report. On reflection, I realised a possible specific source of "breach in confidentiality" which could arise, and a further feeling that the de-designation of one of the Units would probably "leak out" in the course of time. Also, the members of the Working Party were unanimous in their findings and gave considerable thought to their recommendations. Like you, I was unable to contact Keith Ross but did so early on Monday morning, ~~May~~<sup>May</sup> 27th, after he had returned home from holiday. He was equally concerned that we had changed the report and suggested, on reflection, that we should both speak with Norman Halliday to reverse the decision and the instructions that you had given him. The report is an advisory document to be considered along with other letters and "reports" - both in writing and heresay evidence no doubt, and as such, the Working Party could be requested by the Advisory Committee on Supra Regional Funding to reconsider the mortality figures of specific units (or unit), and possibly to amend its findings.

This appealed to me as a far safer course of action. Keith rang Halliday and put this suggestion to him. Halliday then phoned me on Monday morning and appeared much relieved, as he was unhappy that rapport and trust between the DOH and College could have been compromised by the previous suggestion.