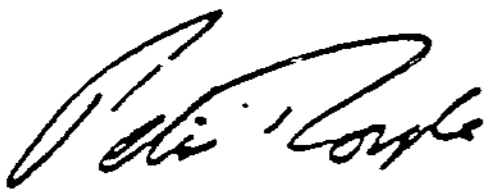


I recognise that this is a very difficult situation for all concerned. The doubts raised can only be resolved by an impartial enquiry and I feel sure that everyone would benefit from disinterested and objective advice. I would therefore suggest that you take all reasonable steps to expedite the proposed Enquiry.

As you will appreciate, I will have to inform colleagues in the Department about the circumstances as they are currently known to me. I should be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible of any additional facts that you feel are relevant and what you decide to do. I also expect to be informed, in confidence, of the outcome of the enquiry as soon as they are available.

Yours sincerely



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