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Dear Mr Stanage,

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE CORONERS ACT 1988

I am writing to confirm that the Solicitor General has considered the application for a fresh inquest into the death of Geoffrey Campbell.

The Solicitor has considered this application carefully, along with the supporting information you provided, namely:

- Submissions on Behalf of the Applicants
- Applicants' Bundle of Authorities
- Applicants' Bundle of Evidence

In addition to the information listed above, AGO sought representations from the Metropolitan Police and HM Coroner for West London as potential interested parties. Neither of these parties wished to make any representations and are neutral about the application.

In order to grant permission for your application to proceed to the High Court, the Solicitor must be satisfied that there is a "reasonable prospect" that the Court will order a new inquest. The Solicitor is of the view that this test has not been met.

Reasons for refusal of permission

The application alleged the original inquest was deficient on grounds of insufficiency of inquiry and the discovery of fresh evidence. The Solicitor does not consider these grounds to be made out.

The events leading up to the attack on the World Trade Centre were thoroughly investigated by the FBI and the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. The conclusions of those investigations are widely known and accepted, and it was reasonable for the Coroner to rely on them. The attack on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre was part of a coordinated attack by the Islamic militant group Al-Qaeda in which over 3000 people lost their lives.

Furthermore, the Solicitor does not consider the expert and eye-witness evidence about pre-planted explosives would make a meaningful difference to the verdict, or shed further light on how the deceased came about his death.

Interests of Justice

The Solicitor has carefully considered whether a fresh inquest is necessary or desirable in the interests of justice. Whilst the wishes of the family carry considerable weight, the Solicitor is not satisfied that the test is met. An assessment of the hypothesis of whether the Twin Towers collapsed due to pre-planted explosives is simply beyond the scope of an inquest and would be unlikely to yield a different conclusion or narrative verdict.

I understand that this will be disappointing to the Campbell family, and the Solicitor wishes to pass on his deepest sympathies to them for the tragic loss of their son. However, having had regard to all of the information provided in respect of this application, and for the reasons set out above, the Solicitor is not of the view that there is a reasonable prospect that the High Court would order a new inquest in this case.

Yours sincerely,

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