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Dear Erica Duggan

**Section 13 Application**

I write to inform you that I have granted my consent for you to make an application to the High Court for a further inquest into Jeremiah's death. My fiat confirming this is attached.

I offer my apology for the administrative failings within my office that meant that your application had to be reconsidered. I regret that your application was not properly dealt with when it was first submitted and the delays and angst that the process to remedy those failings has caused you and your family. I have granted my fiat because I am of the view on reconsidering your application that there is an unanswered question from the inquest into Jeremiah's death as to whether the fatal injuries he suffered are in fact attributable to a car accident.

I have previously expressed my sincere sympathy for you for the loss of your son in such tragic circumstances and I do so again. I hope this new application will be the start of a process that will allow you to have confidence in knowing what happened to your son.

with sincere best wishes

Priscilla Ireland

BARONESS SCOTLAND QC