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From The Minister of State

Dr Rudi Vis MP
House of Commons
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Dear Rudi Vis,

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 2003 on behalf of your constituent, Mrs Erica Duggan who has asked for a meeting to discuss the case of her son, Jeremiah, who tragically died in Germany.

Officials in our Consular Directorate and in Germany are fully aware of Jeremiah's case. I would therefore like to propose that Mrs Duggan meet senior consular officials at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to discuss any concerns she has.

In her e-mail of 18 December 2003 to you, Mrs Duggan says that there were no witness statements taken by the German authorities. The papers from the Public Prosecutor's Office in Wiesbaden, which were attached to Mrs Duggan's e-mail, seem to indicate however that witness testimonies were included in the accident reports made by the German police. I believe Mrs Duggan has a copy of these reports.

These points could be discussed further at a meeting. If Mrs Duggan would like such a meeting with senior consular officials, could she should contact Amardeep Shergill on 020 7008 0081 so that a mutually convenient date can be arranged.

As far as we understand, the UK Coroner's report makes no recommendation for a further investigation into Jeremiah's death. The Coroner has sent a copy of his report to the German prosecutors at the latter's request so that the Germans can consider whether to re-open their investigation as Mrs Duggan requests.

Yours sincerely,

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BARONESS SYMONS