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Subject: Rooney - Request for further information in Expert Report
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Dear David,

Thank you for your time this morning.

As discussed, the Commissioner would be grateful if you could please address the following topics in your expert report:

1. provide further background to explain how you became aware of NSW autopsy practices (for example, attending seminars);
2. provide information regarding your understanding of NSW autopsy practices (in relation to both post-mortem examinations and reports) in 1986, including:
 - a. any information regarding the role of autopsy examination (noting that the circumstances of death are a critical feature of any finding as to manner and cause of death); and
 - b. your understanding of clinical consultation as at 1986.
3. review the autopsy report prepared in relation to Mr Rooney's death and express a view as to the adequacy of the post-mortem undertaken and the report itself.

To assist you, please find **attached** the Coroner's Report drafted by Dr Mason Ramsay at Wollongong Hospital. These are the only hospital records still available.

If you have any questions in relation to this email, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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