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1st August 1992

His Honour Judge Francis Petre,  
Chairman,  
Police Complaints Authority,  
10 Great George Street,  
London,  
SW1P 3AE.

RECORDED DELIVERY

*Francis Judge Petre,*

Complaints Against Sir Peter Imbert, the Chief  
Commissioner, and Superintendent Michael Hames,  
of the Metropolitan Police

Thank you for your letter of 30th June in response to mine of  
22nd June concerning the above-named matter,

With regard to my complaint against Superintendent Michael Hames and  
which you forwarded on to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan  
Police, Sir Peter Imbert, I have received a reply on his behalf from  
Assistant Commissioner Peter Winship, a copy of which is enclosed  
herewith.


I have now written to the Commissioner, Sir Peter Imbert, informing  
him that the appointment of an investigating officer (whether tech-  
nically a police officer or not) from the same force as the officer  
who is the subject of the complaint, is quite unacceptable to myself,  
especially since the chief officer of that force (viz himself) is al-  
so the subject of a similar and/or related complaint, and I have  
therefore requested him to appoint a senior officer from another  
police force to carry out the investigation of my complaint. I trust  
that you will ensure that this request is complied with and that the  
Authority, in accordance with its powers under Section 89(2) of the  
Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, will supervise the investigat-  
ion, which is, as you have already agreed, very much in the public  
interest.

It is also very much in the public interest that my complaint again-  
st Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner himself,  
is properly investigated. You stated in your letter that the Commis-  
sioner of the Metropolitan Police is not a 'police officer'. With  
respect, I would question that.

According to "Halsbury's Laws of England", "The Commissioner of the  
Metropolis is the chief officer of the Metropolitan Police.", and,  
indeed, in Schedule 8 of the Police Act 1964 the Commissioner of

I have asked my solicitor to look into this matter further but would very much welcome your own comments on what I regard as an extraordinarily bizarre situation (several colleagues of mine have described it as pure 'Gilbert and Sullivan'!) before I pursue my complaint against Sir Peter through the channels of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, as you suggested in your letter.

Yours sincerely,



Enclosure.

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