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Dear Sir,

I am writing to the Attorney General for clarification in the case of the undercover police officer Mark Kennedy.

It has been reported by some media outlets that this officer was provided with a fake passport. It is my understanding that to forge a passport and/or other official documentation is a criminal offence. There have been instances in recent years of people who have been provided with false identities, for *bona fide* reasons, the most high profile of which are the convicted murderers Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, and the unfortunate Maxine Carr. These though were by order of a legally constituted court. Unless they are a law unto themselves, the Metropolitan Police do not have the right to forge official documents such as passports.

May I ask therefore that you clarify for the public the following:

Who supplied Mark Kennedy with a forged passport, the name or names of the individuals concerned?

On what legal authority – what statute or other law – was this passport and were any other forged documents provided?

If these documents were issued without proper legal authority, will all those involved in this criminal act face prosecution?

Were the guidelines set down in the Home Office Circular of May 12, 1969, "Informants who take part in crime", and any relevant subsequent circulars, adhered to in this case?

Yours Sincerely, A Baron

cc Campaign Against Censorship, Libertarian Alliance