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Dear Sir

Re: Yourself - v- The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis

In relation to the computer, I have been advised by Inspector Roberts at Islington that the hard drive has been irreparably damaged. He does not know when the damage occurred but it is quite possible it was damaged while in the hands of the Metropolitan Police.

While the Commissioner does not accept liability, I am prepared to recommend a payment to you to compensate for the loss of the hard drive. Inspector Roberts informs me that the computer was worth very little due to its age and that you could obtain a replacement unit for a couple of hundred pounds. I appreciate that you have lost all the data on the hard drive and while it is impossible to calculate its value in monitory terms I would recommend to my client that the payment includes some element for the inconvenience.

I would be prepared to recommend a payment of £400.

If you agree to accept this sum in settlement of your claim for the loss of the computer let me know by writing to me at the above address, by post or by fax. Do not respond by email, as I am not able to receive them.

Yours faithfully

Mark Davis for Director