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Dear Robert,

I hope you are well.

As you will have noticed from the Broadcasting Complaints Commission letter from Dr Glatt, he outlines his clinical management of Philippa Langton and attacks yourself with regard to your involvement in the Allerton Medicare unit in Leeds and his own employment in your unit in 1983/84.

I now as a matter of urgency have to draft a reply to his specific allegations and for this I need your help.

If you would be kind enough to put in writing your clinical management of Philippa to date - your assessment of her uterus and what tests brought you to your conclusion much in the same clinical format that Dr Glatt has done - explain why the letter from her GP suggested there was a problem with the uterus and why Dr Glatt should have realised she had a deformed and damaged uterus prior to and during treatment. Also what is the prognosis for future IVF treatment.

It is important that we see this one off at the pass as a ruling against Central TV could open the way for legal action. We have a strong case in Philippa which I with your help need to articulate in the medical sense.

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After the programme was transmitted you told me for the first time that Dr Glatt had been an employee of your unit and that Dr Magara had raised serious concerns regarding the professional conduct of Dr Glatt. As a result he left the units employment. I feel now is the time to make the reasons for that concern public.

A spirited defence I am confident will resolve this matter quickly.

Give my best to Josie and Karen Dawson.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Graeme Thomson