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Sir Ian Blair
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Dear

Investigation into complaint made under Misuse of Honours Act 1925

Under the provisions of s22 of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) the Authority requires a report about the Metropolitan Police investigation led by Assistant Commissioner John Yates into alleged abuses by political parties under the Misuse of Honours Act 1925. I believe this call is justified in the public interest. I would expect the report to cover the cost of the investigation, an assessment of the proportionality of the resources deployed and the lessons to be learned from conducting such a high profile and sensitive investigation over so long a period.

Clearly there are aspects of the investigation, including conclusions reached about the conduct of individual suspects interviewees, which would be inappropriate to cover in a public report, and accept that you will need to consider, carefully, legal and human rights constraints in respect of personal privacy. I also recognise that AC Yates is committed to report further to the Public Administration Select Committee and we may need to discuss respective timings of your report to the Authority and his response to PASC .

Nonetheless, and without prejudging the content of your report, I am convinced that it is firmly in the interests of the Metropolitan Police for you to have an opportunity to demonstrate to the Authority that, irrespective of the outcome once the papers had been passed to the Crown Prosecution Service, the investigation was conducted to the highest standards of probity and professionalism.

The report should also address what lessons are to be learnt and how organisational learning will influence the conduct of future complex and high profile investigations.

Yours sincerely,

Len Duvall OBE, AM
Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority