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Dear.....,

I refer to your request of 8 February 2006 to be provided with information in relation to Operation Paget. This request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am able to respond to your questions as follows:

1. How was Lord Stevens allowed to take this operation with him into retirement?

The Diana Inquiry is a police inquiry to support the Coroner. Sir Ian Blair, has direction and control of the investigation. Lord Stevens was asked by the Coroner to lead the investigation, whilst he was the Commissioner. Since his retirement he has acted as a consultant to the investigation team

2. Is he the subject of scrutiny of the Independent Police Complaints Commission?

The Police Reform Act 2002 provides a statutory framework for a police complaints system. The IPCC has a responsibility under legislation to ensure suitable arrangements are in place for dealing with complaints or allegations of misconduct against any person serving with the police in England and Wales. Lord Stevens is not a serving officer.

3. Does the Police Authority for London have any role in supervising or approving the findings or enquiry ?

No.

4. Does Lord Stevens use the facilities of the Metropolitan Police Press Office to provide briefings to the media ?

The MPA is not aware of any such arrangement. The MPS, and not the MPA, are more appropriately placed to respond to this request.

5. Richard Desmond the proprietor of the Daily Express appears to have a "special relationship" with Mr Mohammed Fayed, can we be assured that no such special arrangement exists with Lord Stevens?

The MPA has not been informed and therefore is not aware of any special relationship between the proprietor of the Daily Express or between Mr Al Fayed and Lord Stevens.

I hope that this response answers your questions. However, if you are unhappy with the decision regarding your request for information you should in the first instance request a review of the decision – Jenny Trevillion, Corporate Complaints Officer would arrange for this to be carried out by someone not involved in the initial decision. Please contact me if you wish this to be done. If you are still unhappy after that a further request can be made to the Information Commissioner, who will decide whether the request was dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Further information is available on the Information Commissioner's website: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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