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RE: FAQIRI, Soleiman, R2016-02587, OCC2016-14763

Dear Mr. Rajan,

It is my understanding that a brief of agreed facts will be produced for further clinicopathological correlation for this inquest.

Based on discussions with, and input from, Dr. Bellis and my Deputy Chief Forensic Pathologists, I have decided that I will review this case, based on the forthcoming factual brief, and provide an opinion on the cause of death.

In terms of my specific background for this task, I am the Chief Forensic Pathologist for Ontario. In this capacity, I supervise and direct medicolegal autopsies in the province. I believe it is important for me to review this case, on the basis of my duties. I also have considerable practical experience with postmortem examinations of cases of death during detention, both in Canada and abroad. I have also conducted research and published my observations related to death in the setting of restraint and torture.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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