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November 17, 1998

Mr. Frank K. Gomberg  
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**Re: Lisa SHORE**  
**Deceased: October 22, 1998**  
**Our File No: R 12799/98**

Dear Mr. Gomberg:

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998. As personal representative for the family of the deceased, I would be happy to share any information arising out of our investigation once it becomes available.

Under the *Coroners Act*, when a medical record is seized by the Office of the Coroner, we have authority to inspect and obtain photocopies if required. The original record remains in the possession of the Hospital for Sick Children. I can see no reason why our investigation would interfere with your clients having access to a photocopy of that record through the normal channels of inquiry.

I am unable to respond to your specific questions regarding a post mortem examination and toxicology analysis at this time. The pathologist that conducted the post mortem examination, Dr. Glenn Taylor, is currently out of the country and will not return until after November 25<sup>th</sup>. I will be able to discuss your concerns with him at that time.

As a general rule, it has been our experience that the pathology staff at Hospital for Sick Children conduct a very thorough and highly professional post mortem examinations when requested by the Office of the Coroner. I would therefore expect that Dr. Taylor has carried out this particular post mortem examination to the same high standards and thoroughness that we have come to expect. I will inquire, however, as to whether a detailed neuropathological assessment as been requested.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Lucas".

William J. Lucas, M.D., C.C.F.P.  
Regional Coroner for Toronto  
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