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Deputy Commissioner Graham Ashton, AM
Victoria Police
637 Flinders Street
DOCKLANDS VIC 3008

Dear Deputy Commissioner Ashton

Disclosure - Missing Task Force Petra File – ESD File No. AC HP124 'Volume 1'

I refer to your letter and enclosures dated 20 June 2012, that provide information in relation to a missing volume of Victoria Police files for the Taskforce Petra Steering Committee, and the detail of your investigative enquiries to date.

The information disclosed has been assessed by me under the relevant legislation applicable to the Office of Police Integrity (OPI), to determine whether the matter requires any mandatory action pursuant to the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001* (Vic) (WPA) or the *Police Integrity Act 2008* (Vic) (PI Act).

I have concluded that the disclosure does not constitute a 'protected disclosure' under Part 3 of the WPA, as it is not a 'complaint', but rather is the provision of information to OPI given the relevance of the content of the missing files to a number of matters being dealt with by this Office.

Accordingly, the information will be noted for OPI's purposes.

The investigation into the missing files should be retained and continued by Victoria Police.

If you have not already done so, please ensure the Commissioner for Law Enforcement Data is made aware of the circumstances of the missing files, and the non-conformance with requisite security standards governing this type of highly sensitive information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. B. Bonighton'.

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