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Bona, Andrew

From: Bona, Andrew
Sent: Monday, 16 August 2010 8:21 AM
To: Ryan, David
Cc: Lardner, Peter
Subject: FW: Draft re F. NUMBER INCLUDED

Good morning David,

As per our discussion on Friday, the below sets out the process for F to contact SDU that we envisage. We would appreciate if VGSO could draft an appropriate letter to Catherine Gobbo setting out the acceptable process.

Please ring to discuss.

Regards,

Andy

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From: Pope, Jeff
Sent: Monday, 16 August 2010 8:13 AM
To: Sheridan, Paul
Cc: Bona, Andrew; Lardner, Peter
Subject: RE: Draft re F. NUMBER INCLUDED

Thanks Paul - grateful for your assistance. I will advise when this is effective - I am tipping by the end of this week if not before.

Can you please have one of the SDU [REDACTED] draft SOPs re this matter (which will largely be a cut and paste from below but may have more specific guidance to staff that have no knowledge of the history here) for me to view by the end of the week

Regards

IP

From: Sheridan, Paul
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2010 4:07 PM
To: Pope, Jeff
Subject: Draft re F. NUMBER INCLUDED

Jeff this draft has the actual contact number included for the message bank. Are you able to ensure I know when this commences to take effect please. Paul Sheridan.

From: Sheridan, Paul
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2010 3:19 PM
To: Pope, Jeff
Subject: Draft re F.

Jeff, I have spoken with Andrew Bona about the draft below. He is ok with it. The italicised is the proposed draft the narrative prior to is to explain the logic behind the use of OOO and then the Message Bank practice. The advantage to us is that if she has worries about her personal security etc she reports as a normal citizen, if she chooses to report as a source of information on criminal matters we channel this as per the message bank option. The message bank option takes the heat out of information and provides an opportunity to assess and act appropriately.

Paul S.

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From: Sheridan, Paul
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2010 2:40 PM
To: Bona, Andrew
Subject: FW:

Urgent/Safety - If the matter was of an urgent nature regarding threat to safety etc then in accordance with normal policy a call to 000 would be the most appropriate and efficient means to gain assistance. A call via the OIC SDU would require doubling handling of urgent information and may result in an adverse conclusion.

Information contact -The best option from the SDU point is that this person be afforded the same protocol as any other de-registered source that she be given a number for contact which goes to a message bank.

The message is then accessed each morning and the OIC of the SDU. This would enable some degree of vetting to take place and appropriate action depending upon the nature of the information. Any information that can be passed on would be activated with a provision that the source of the information cannot/should not be contacted as per legal agreement in force.

As discussed unless absolutely necessary we would seek to keep **Sandy White** out of contact with her (he is accepting of this) to avoid going down a source management path. The principal issue is that if we accept any information from her relative to serious criminal offences our own policies declare her a source and invoke certain responsibilities upon us which in a civil domain would be significantly less than optimal.
 INSERT FOLLOWING.....

Victoria Police will not classify you as a Human Source nor compile any file or record pertaining to you to indicate that you are a human source. The nature of the information you may provide will be subjected to critical analysis and assessment and may on occasions not be acted upon if it is perceived that you may be at risk of identification as the source of that information. Where possible you will be advised of any action proposed to be taken relative to the information you provide to Victoria Police.

That any requirement for urgent police assistance regarding your personal safety be reported directly through 000 to facilitate appropriate response.

That any information pertaining to criminal offences or criminal activity that you wish to communicate to Victoria Police be facilitate in the first instance by telephone contact to the following phone number which will result in the Officer In Charge of the Source Development Unit co-ordinating a response to you.

From: Bona, Andrew
Sent: Friday, 13 August 2010 1:10 PM
To: Sheridan, Paul
Cc: Lardner, Peter
Subject:

Hello Paul,

What F is seeking is to be able to contact the SDU should she need to in the future. As you are aware, there is a current prohibition on members from that unit having contact with her. We are seeking to develop a process to enable F the ability to communicate with the head of that unit, or his delegate. We intend to put a process formally to F in writing, which the VGSO will draft.

At the mediation with F, F was initially specific in wishing to be able to communicate with **Sandy White**, however when that was fleshed out it was indicated that she wanted to be able to communicate with the SDU in the future if she required and thus was seeking the lifting of the prohibition. It was further indicated that the reason for this request was to enable F to be in a position to speak with the SDU in future if any threats were received by F or if F wished to discuss information F may have received.

We are seeking to establish a protocol for that to occur, that will expose the least amount of risk to Vicpol. We will then have a formal letter drafted through the Victoria Government Solicitors Office to F's legal representatives to advise them and her of that process.

With that in mind, our thoughts were towards a process of a single point of contact within the SDU, and guidelines to F as to what Vicpol will be prepared to communicate with her about, so that is what I am hoping you can put your mind to.

Please contact me at any time to discuss further if you wish,

Regards,

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