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Sent: Monday, 26 July 2010 3:02 PM
To: Bona, Andrew
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From: Pope, Jeff
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Peter

Further to our discussion this morning, this now makes it clear in my mind that we have no requirement for Ms Gobbo to be a witness for Victoria Police (unless Purana have some substantial witness requirements of which I am unaware) so we should seek to sever all ties with her through the litigation process.

Regards

JP

From: Waddell, Stephen
Sent: Monday, 26 July 2010 1:53 PM
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Jeff,

I didn't see this email before I sent the updated briefing for today's meeting.

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Hi Steve,

Andrew Tinney SC has again reviewed the N Gobbo statement and the issue of its usefulness in any prosecution of Waters. Having re-read the statement he has formed the view that it would not be of any great assistance in any prosecution of Waters and that any material in the statement that would assist, would not be sufficient to change our minds as to the appropriateness of charging Waters. As it stands, there is no evidence of any clear admissions made by Waters of any involvement in the killing and the material in the statement does little more than engender suspicions. In addition to the limited usefulness of the statement, there is also the fact that Gobbo would be a problematic witness and in the circumstances it does not seem to be worthwhile pursuing this evidence in light of the troubled relationship between the witness and VicPol.

Andrew apologises for not getting back to you earlier about this. He is on leave for a couple of weeks but will be back on 9 August 2010 if you wish to discuss any matter further then. Any queries in the meantime, please let Vicky or I know.

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