Dear Chief Constable

Petition PE1370: Justice for Megrahi

At its meeting on 1 March 2016, the Committee considered petition PE1370 by Justice for Megrahi (JFM) calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to open an independent inquiry into the conviction of Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi for the bombing of Pan-Am flight 103 in December 1988.

During consideration, the Committee agreed to keep the petition open and to write seeking further information about Police Scotland’s investigation into Justice for Megrahi’s nine allegations of criminality, named “Operation Sandwood”. It had been the Committee prior understanding that the investigation was due to conclude by the end of last year but this appears not to be the case. Members would therefore be interested in knowing more about the progress to date and the relevant timescales for the completion of the investigation.

In view of the impending dissolution of Parliament, the Committee would be grateful for a response by 11 March 2016.

Yours sincerely

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