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**From:** Sasha Wass [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 August 2014 15:04  
**To:** [REDACTED] (ve)  
**Subject:** RE: Experts list for St Helena inquiry

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for this.

kindest regards,

Sasha

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 04, 2014 12:06 PM  
**To:** Sasha Wass;  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Experts list for St Helena inquiry

Hi Sasha

It was great to meet you on Friday.

Here is the list of people we have had recommended to us by a variety of interested parties. You may not be interested in any of these people, which would be fine. If you need contact details for any of the police I can get those from [REDACTED] the South Atlantic Police Adviser.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

Deputy Head of the Falklands and Southern Oceans Dept

[REDACTED]

**From:** Sasha Wass |  
**Sent:** 04 February 2015 13:50  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Payment for witnesses coming to see you in London

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Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Feb 2015, at 13:03, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Sorry – one more thing. Their details will need to be a on a piece of paper, turned into a PDF which they have signed and printed their name on.

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
Deputy Head of Falklands and Southern Oceans  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 04 February 2015 13:02  
**To:** 'Sasha Wass'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Payment for witnesses coming to see you in London

Hi Sasha

These are the details we need to pay witnesses who are coming to see you in London.

1. Full name
2. Full address with postcode
3. Telephone number
4. Email address
  
5. Bank name
6. Bank address
7. Bank account number

8. Bank sort code

9. Photocopy of ticket/receipt. We can only pay for economy class travel. If someone requires a hotel we need to talk about that in advance.

This will be passed to our payments department who will then deal with everything. There will no contact with witnesses from anyone working on child safeguarding. If you get this information from people and send it to us we can process it.

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Sasha Wass |  
**Sent:** 19 November 2014 16:56  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: PRESS RELEASE OFFICIAL

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I would be happy with that but cannot alter it now as am on a train. Are you happy to add the sentence?

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On 19 Nov 2014, at 16:29, [REDACTED] > wrote:

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Hi Sasha

Thanks for this. In the last para I think it would be good if we could say you will pass anything to the police or people will be suspicious that we/shg won't do so and the dossier could go 'missing'. I think to be above suspicion you would need to pass your findings directly to police.

What do you think?

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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**From:** Sasha Wass [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 19, 2014 04:10 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** PRESS RELEASE

Dear [REDACTED]  
Please confirm receipt.

SASHA WASS QC – St Helena Inquiry

I have been asked by the Foreign Secretary, and have agreed, to lead an inquiry into the very serious allegations outlined in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's press release today.

The inquiry will be funded, supported and provided with administrative assistance by the FCO, as required, but will otherwise be totally independent. The inquiry will look into the claims relating to child abuse in the Territory, police corruption and incompetence, and the suggestion that there was a conspiracy by the St Helena Government (SHG), the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Department for International Development (DFID) to cover these up. The FCO have agreed to allow access to all relevant papers from the FCO, DFID and SHG and its authorities. The inquiry will also request the opportunity to interview current and former officials, and other relevant persons, and to take oral and written submissions as evidence.

The inquiry will visit St Helena for three weeks in March 2015.

In the late summer of 2015 the Panel will produce a public report of its findings. In the event of recommendations for further criminal investigation, these will be contained in a confidential annex for the St Helena authorities and HMG.

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**From:** Sasha Wass [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 August 2014 22:07  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Re: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

Call me then.  
Kindest regards  
Sasha

Sent from my iPhone

On 19 Aug 2014, at 19:14, [Redacted] wrote:

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Dear Sasha

I can do 145pm?

Best wishes

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

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**From:** Sasha Wass [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 06:48 PM  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

Dear [Redacted]

I am at a meeting at Milbank at 11am. I can either speak just before that or around 1pm. Let me know which suits you better.

kindest regards,

Sasha

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 6:46 PM  
**To:** Sasha Wass; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

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Hi Sasha

I will call you tomorrow morning. I'm just meeting my parents. Are you around at 11, as I need to speak to the island first and we have a telecon at 10.

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Deputy Head of the Falklands and Southern Oceans Dept  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sasha Wass [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 06:42 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

Dear [REDACTED]

This is a disaster. I explained to [REDACTED] that I have pre existing court commitments in November and from the 12th January for eight weeks. December would be my only slot before Christmas. This means that I would not be able to visit until March. Perhaps we should speak?

Kindest regards,

Sasha

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2014 6:39 PM  
**To:** Sasha Wass;  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

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Hi Sasha

Just to let you know that all the transport options are already booked up for December I'm afraid. We are looking at availability on 22 Nov and we will also look at January. It's a real shame but apparently people have had tickets booked for over a year!

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Deputy Head of the Falklands and Southern Oceans Dept  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Sasha Wass [REDACTED] 26  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 07:40 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Enslive)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending this through. You can take it that the Terms of Reference are agreed.

Would you be kind enough to let me know when the Minister is asked for his approval and when any announcement will be made?

Additionally, could the person in charge of arranging the travel bookings, contact me sooner rather than later as the December trip will need to be booked well in advance given the fact that Christmas is always busy time for travel.

Kindest regards,

Sasha

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2014 6:32 PM [REDACTED]  
**To:** Sasha Wass  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

Dear Sasha,

Thank you for your time on the phone just now. As discussed please find attached the amended Terms of Reference for your approval.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
Assistant Legal Adviser

Room E213B, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 August 2014 17:53  
**To:** 'Sasha Wass'  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

Dear Sasha,

Further to this, we would be grateful for your proposed Terms of Reference as soon as convenient so our Ministers can consider them.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 August 2014 20:48  
**To:** Sasha Wass  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

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Dear Sasha,

Thank you for your email; it's very useful to see how the inquiry might progress in terms of timing. We are mindful of the need to make good progress both in terms of public handling and also in terms of tackling any issues that the inquiry conclude need to be addressed but appreciate that ensuring the right process is agreed and led by the right person is paramount.

We are therefore content to proceed along the lines you outline below. It sounds sensible to have initial conversations at the FCO, possibly including a telephone call with the Governor for example during those two weeks in September and start making plans for your December St Helena trip to maximise its utility.

We look forward to your comments on the terms of reference.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

**From:** Sasha Wass [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 14 August 2014 12:03  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Copies)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Provisional proposals OFFICIAL

Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:52 AM

Dear [REDACTED]

I understand from my clerks that you have now spoken with them but that they have not discussed timetabling with you. Given the nature of the inquiry firming up dates will be dependent upon my reading of the papers as well as the other panel member's commitments once they are known. However, I have now discussed this with them and think it may be useful to detail my pre-existing commitments and outline how I would propose to allocate my time to the work of the proposed inquiry to ascertain if this fits with your requirements before we agree to proceed.

1. I am working on [REDACTED] case papers between now and 29<sup>th</sup> August.
2. For the first two weeks in September I am sitting as a [REDACTED]
3. I can be available for the second two weeks, the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> September to work on the papers at the Foreign Office. During this time we can also discuss support, resource and panel appointments.
4. Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> September, I can be available on the Monday and Tuesday but have court commitments for the rest of the week.
5. From 6<sup>th</sup> October [REDACTED] until 28<sup>th</sup> November.
6. As things stand at the moment I am keeping my diary free for the whole of December and I propose that I make the preliminary site visit you suggested during the course of this month. I propose to make this visit before empanelling any other members. On this visit I would plan to be accompanied informally by [REDACTED] who will pay for all his travel and accommodation expenses himself. This visit will enable me to meet the dignitaries and the various authorities the inquiry may wish to speak to as well as to be better able to brief and select a suitable panel. I will draw up a list of the individuals and departments I would like to meet during this first visit to the island after reading the papers. As a result of this visit it may be that it is more time efficient and cost effective to send panel members out in advance to look into their areas of expertise rather than for the whole panel to be on the island while these investigations are progressed. In practical terms this would appear to mean travelling to Cape Town on either Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November or Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Leaving Cape Town on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December to St Helena, arriving on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The ship then goes to Ascension and returns to St Helena on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I would propose to leave St Helena on the 16<sup>th</sup> December arriving on Ascension on the 18<sup>th</sup> and flying back to Brize Norton on the Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This visit needs to be arranged as soon as possible after we have reached and finalised an agreement.