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CC: -all 108 Scottish Members of Parliament
-various Scottish media outlets

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Re: Plea for Scottish Government action now to request relevant secret police files and data in London, Inquiry into Undercover Policing (UCPI) your reference: 2016/0015431

Dear First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, Dear Secretary for Justice Michael Matheson,

Thank you for your mail informing me that nearly half a year after your request, you still await a decision from the UK Home Office about extending the Pitchford Inquiry to Scotland. Due to numerous progressions in this matter since I first complained to you about this topic on 4 Dec 2015, and your own request to the Home Office in early 2016, I believe there are a number of actions the Scotlish government should now take on it's own to insure carrying out its responsibilities to people of Scotland and beyond.

A list with the known names of circa 100 undercover officers and 460 target groups<sup>1</sup>, many of which are known to have operated in Scotland, is being withheld by the British police. Despite repeated requests, the police have not released this list<sup>2</sup>. I urge the Scottish Government to immediately request all files and data related to known undercover officers, and the known target groups, as they involve Scotland. The police have stated that they can not release former officer names, so for this reason we've continually asked merely for their cover names, so as to comply with police concerns for safety. These simple actions should be taken by the Scottish Government regardless of the Pitchford Inquiry, to ensure the rights of those whose responsibility it is to protect.

Scottish media has recently reported a number of relevant cases that explain the urgent and significant need to act now on these matters. One woman, "Lisa Jones", was with former undercover officer Mark Kennedy repeatedly in Scotland. As "Lisa" stated in the Daily Record, "The holidays we took in Scotland every year would have been part of his deployment. He would have been reporting his whereabouts to his handlers, who he would have reported to at regular intervals." Lisa tries to make it back to Scotland every year but admitted: "I found coming back really difficult after everything came out. I have memories of him there, it's

<sup>1</sup> http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/10988337/Senior-Scotland-Yard-officers-failed-to-scrutinizecontroversial-undercover-unit-says-report.html

<sup>2</sup> Police facing call to publish list of their undercover spies: https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/undercover-with-paul-lewis-and-rob-evans/2016/feb/08/police-facing-call-to-publish-list-of-their-undercover-spies

<sup>3 &#</sup>x27;We were both victims of Met's secret policemen': Women duped into relationship with spy cop demand Pitchford inquiry is widened: http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/we-were-both-victims-mets-7217150

all part of my history. I can't just dump my past like that."

Other women were targeted with intimate relationships by undercover officers who operated in Scotland including two who have given public interviews: Sarah Hampton<sup>4</sup> and Kate Wilson.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, one former undercover officer known as "Marco Jacobs" operated at the Scottish G8 in 2005 and is now at the centre of a lawsuit for sexual abuse<sup>6</sup> brought by his former unwitting activist partners. With such known and admitted abuse done by undercover police who operated in Scotland, the Scottish Government has a responsibility to start taking concrete action itself on these matters, to find out what really happened in Scotland.

You may not be aware that as of now the Pitchford Inquiry is progressing quite rapidly, to the total exclusion of Scotland. Lord Pitchford just last week issued 12 points of Undertakings<sup>7</sup>, and this week made a number of further important rulings<sup>8</sup>, none of which included Scotland. Important Inquiry decisions should not be allowed to continue when those affected anywhere these secret police operated outside of England and Wales are actively excluded from participation.

I'm glad that you are in agreement with the Justice Minister in Northern Ireland, who is also attempting to have the Inquiry be extended to his N. Irish jurisdiction. Last week Germany has also requested inclusion in the Pitchford Inquiry<sup>9</sup>, partly since undercover officer Mark Kennedy committed the crime of arson there, which has led to serious questions in the German Parliament<sup>10</sup>. Did undercover officers also commit crimes in Scotland? Answers to such questions surely exist in police files in London, and I highly urge you to request these files as they relate to Scotland now.

Pitchford Inquiry officials themselves have explained that the Inquiry wants to get the whole picture of what has happened, 11 so what is taking the Home Office so long to reply to you? There is speculation that the Home Office may just be waiting until the Inquiry is too far along to allow changes. I find this possibility infuriating, as myself and others have campaigned for nearly six years to receive justice on this issue. If Scotland and other relevant jurisdictions are not included in this Inquiry, then for me the Inquiry will effectively be a whitewash, just as it is for every person who was unjustly targeted by these secret police outside of England and Wales.

I urge you to see that Scotland quickly receives inclusion in the Pitchford Inquiry before it is too late.

I also urge you to immediately request the cover names of the 100 known undercover officers that have spied on Scottish soil, and the files of the 460 targeted campaign groups as they relate to Scotland.

Sincerely, Jason Kirkpatrick

<sup>4</sup> Undercover officer Mark Kennedy had intimate relationship with woman he spied on in Scotland: http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14126906.\_Undercover\_officer\_slept\_with\_me\_while\_he\_was\_spying\_in\_Sc otland /

<sup>5</sup> Undercover policing: apologies and the dirty truth: http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14095310.Undercover\_policing\_apologies and the dirty truth/

<sup>6</sup> Police being sued over alleged sexual abuse committed by an undercover police officer in Cardiff: http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/police-being-sued-over-alleged-8905129

<sup>7</sup> Undertakings - Further directions: https://www.ucpi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/160608-directionsundertakings.pdf

<sup>8</sup> https://www.ucpi.org.uk/rulings/

<sup>9</sup> http://andrej-hunko.de/7-beitrag/3151-the-case-of-mark-kennedy-cross-border-operations-of-undercover-police-officers-should-be-investigated-in-germany-as-well

<sup>10</sup> http://pardok.parlament-berlin.de/starweb/adis/citat/VT/17/SchrAnfr/S17-18604.pdf

<sup>11</sup> Piers Doggart and Stephen Brown from the Undercover Policing Inquiry answer questions: https://vimeo.com/channels/aprilconference/165409189