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Monsieur Hervé STEPHAN
1st Examining Magistrate

Madame Marie-Christine DEVIDAL
Examining Magistrate

Paris Regional Court

Dear Mr Magistrate,
Dear Madam Magistrate,

Thank you for your letter of 1 December regarding the evidence that you received from Richard Tomlinson about the accident which claimed the life of the Princess of Wales.

As we have said time and again, there is not an ounce of truth in any plot that he attributes to the British government to assassinate President Milosevic. As for his allegations concerning the role of the British [intelligence and security] services in the tragic accident in Paris on 31 August of last year, these are also without any foundation and are moreover extremely hurtful to the royal family, the Princess's family, and for all those who honour her memory and her works.

Nobody in the British Embassy in Paris was aware of the Princess of Wales' trip to France, as it was a strictly private visit. The first person to have any knowledge of it was the duty officer, who received the call from the police just after the accident.

I am grateful to you for having given us this opportunity to re-state the facts.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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