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“Ian Blair has jumped the barrier of the law”

Comment from family on the release of correspondence between Sir Ian Blair, the Home Office and the Metropolitan Police Authority

We have been shown the letter sent by Sir Ian Blair to the Home Office within hours of the shooting of Jean Charles. We see he gave instructions that the IPCC should not be involved and would not be allowed into Stockwell station.

Giovani da Silva said, “We can see that he felt completely free to act by himself. He prevented the IPCC from investigating Jean’s death as they should by law. And this he did at the very time when someone independent should have been at Stockwell tube recovering vital evidence. No wonder there is so much evidence missing

Giovani went on to say “These letters have shown that Ian Blair has lied once again – not only to my family but also to the British public”.

“Ian Blair has jumped the barrier of the law” said Giovani

“We didn’t think we could be shocked any more at the way the police have behaved, but as a family we are” said Alex Pereira

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