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Date 20th February 1990
Enquiries to
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Dear Dr. Robertson,

Mandy Lynch, 9/8 Clovenstone Gardens, Edinburgh

This 17 year old girl who lives with her Mother was admitted to Ward 3 RIE on 18th February 1990 at 1 a.m. following an overdose of 8 Amitriptyline tablets on top of at least 4 Camparis.

The precipitant to this was that she had a disagreement with her boyfriend who is currently an inpatient at Edenhall Hospital, paraplegic as a result of jumping of a roof whilst drunk several weeks ago. It seems that she had decided no longer to regard herself as his girlfriend but to continue to visit him in hospital.

You will be aware that her brother died almost 3 years ago ~~from an overdose of Meprobamate~~. Her parents are separated but she sees her Father weekly. Her Mother leaves the home at weekends to stay with her boyfriend whose address Mandy does not know.

She obtained the tablets from her friend Lisa who is prescribed Amitriptyline. This girl currently lives with Mandy and her Mother.

She was sullen at interview on 18th February 1990 and obviously had a hangover, but she did admit to episodes of low mood since the death of her brother. She now regrets taking the overdose and feels foolish, and I do not think she has a formal psychiatric illness but further investigation is warranted and I have arranged to see her again on 22nd February 1990 as an outpatient. Her Mother being absent at weekends is unaware of this overdose. Mandy requests that this be kept confidential.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Mercer
Registrar in Psychiatry

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