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Dear Mr Scott,

I write in connection with your claim against the Metropolitan Police Service and your arrest and detention on 20 November 2014.

I have noted the issues which you have raised regarding the MPS' response to the allegations of assault which were made against you, and the way in which those allegations were handled.

I understand that you feel that the initial approach which was made to you by MPS officers was discourteous and unnecessarily aggressive, and that the matter could have been dealt with better. I understand further that you are firmly of the view that your arrest and detention could have been avoided had matters been dealt with differently. I also understand that you consider that the conduct of the officers in restraining, arresting and detaining you was influenced by your race.

The MPS is committed to ensuring that its officers provide the highest quality of service. While your allegations are denied by the officers who dealt with you, it is clear that, on this occasion, matters could indeed have been dealt with better. I recognise the anxiety and distress which your arrest in front of friends and work colleagues, as well as the lengthy detention at Islington Police Station, will have caused you. In the circumstances, I would like to apologise to you on behalf of the MPS for the manner in which you were dealt with. .

You have on previous occasions worked with the MPS and other organisations to better improve police community relations and I understand that you feel passionately about such issues. The MPS is also driven to continually improving its service in such matters and for that reason I would be happy to meet with you personally in order to better understand how the MPS can improve its service in circumstances such as experienced by yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Martin

Deputy Assistant Commissioner