

9th January, 1998.

Dear Mr. Grant,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter of 3rd November, and to apologise for the delay in replying, which has been caused by the particularly large number of people, many thousands in fact, who wrote to Her Majesty following the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales.

The Queen was naturally sorry to learn of the death of your son, and sends you and your family her sincere sympathy. It is not possible for Her Majesty to intervene directly in this matter, but as a constitutional Sovereign, The Queen acts on the advice of her Ministers, and I have, therefore, been instructed to send your letter to the Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor. I know that he is already aware of your case, but now he will also know of your approach to Her Majesty on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

ANDREW DENT

Special Assistant to the Private Secretary

Mr. Caul Grant

EXHIBIT 6

25