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Clinton, Hyacinth and Maureen Lewis

1. Clinton and Hyacinth Lewis are the parents of Anthony Lewis, born on 13 May 1961, who died of sickle cell anaemia aged seven. Maureen Lewis is his surviving sister. HN78 adopted and used the name and birthdate of Anthony Lewis for the purposes of his deployment.
2. The Lewises and HN78 are black. They wish to know whether or not he discovered the cause of death of their son and, having done so, adopted his identity in the knowledge or belief that he was black. This is not an issue which has arisen before. It is an issue which the Inquiry wishes to explore and may be better able to do so with their assistance.
3. This application is very late. The Inquiry notified the Lewises of the use of Anthony's identity on 1 June 2019. There was a delay of a little over a year between that notification and their instruction to Jules Carey to apply on their behalf to be made core participants. I have been provided with details of the age and state of health and family circumstances of Anthony's parents which, to protect their privacy, I do not propose to set out in this ruling. I am satisfied that their daughter Maureen has throughout acted reasonably in their interests. For understandable human reasons, recently supplemented by the Covid crisis, the delay is both understandable and not unreasonable.
4. For all of those reasons taken together I am satisfied that I should designate them as core participants in Category [F].
5. They cannot reasonably be expected to represent themselves and require the assistance of an experienced recognised legal representative, Jules Carey of Bindmans LLP. I have been provided with details of their means, which I accept. They are modest and it would not be reasonable to require them to meet the cost of representation. I recognise him as their legal representative and make an award of costs in their favour under section 40(2) of the Inquiries Act 2005.

02 October 2020

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry