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Dear Ian

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 1996 and I am pleased to learn you have not taken your relegation from the National League lightly and will be striving to regain your place.

With regard to invoice 95.0201, I enclose a copy of a letter sent to Andy Thompson on 11 March 1996 and a copy of the relevant report from the delegate. I am confident this arrived because Andy notified me on receipt of the letter that Barry Mackay's report was not included and this was immediately rectified.

The fine was imposed due to various aspects of the NHL Code of Conduct not being followed. We were mindful of the tragic death of Sam Taylor, however, these were basic requirements that were not carried out.

Once the fine was imposed Hampstead & Westminster HC were at liberty to appeal against the decision under the rules of the League. However, this was not forthcoming.

I trust this explains the situation and we hope the invoice will be paid shortly.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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