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Dear Mr Donovan

Thank you for your letter of 20 May, addressed to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Falconer of Thoroton. Your letter has been passed to the Court Service Customer Service Unit for a reply. We are responsible for the administration of Crown and County courts in England and Wales.

Whilst I understand your sense of frustration on how your case did progressed in court, I am sorry to inform you that we cannot comment on individual judicial cases. This is not out of any lack of concern as to do so would go against the principles of Separation of Powers.

I note from your letter that your court case with Shell started as far back as 1994. In view of this, I strongly suggest that you allow your legal representatives to handle matters for you. This is based on the premise that some legal issues might require the service of a legal professional, due to the technicalities involved. However, should you or your son feel threatened by any group, you have the option to refer the matter to the Police or your solicitors.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful to you at this stage.

Yours faithfully

**Fatai Odumosu
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