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Dear Ms Glass

Thank you for your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2008

I understand from your correspondence that it is felt that the matters I have raised were not relevant. I refer to the inquiry terms and believe that the matters I had raised in my previous letters and my statement to the ICL Inquiry do fit quite clearly fit within the Terms of Reference.

May I ask at this stage why Lord Gill believes that the Inquiry gained from my omission?

In your latest correspondence you state that a number of employees were invited to address the Inquiry but chose not to appear for various reasons. Having looked over their statements and the statements of those employees who did speak, I can see no particular reason why I should have been treated any differently. I can see nothing in the Terms of Reference that state only employees who were employed at the time of the Disaster should be called.

I remind you that I had 15 years service on site and left the company for reasons which I believe were connected to raising highly pertinent Health and Safety matters about ICL with external agencies: namely my MSP, MP and HSE, just weeks before the explosion.

This resulted in correspondence between my constituency MP Anne McKeekin and HSE, regarding regulatory issues as well as my initial complaint. With my omission from the Inquiry I believe an important opportunity was lost for with regard to describing working conditions and procedures relevant to the management of the plant leading up to the explosion. This would appear to me to fall within the Terms of Reference in areas such as causation, regulatory environment and events surrounding the explosion itself.

Can I assume also that the matters I raised with regard to the Bin Lorry being converted to a Gas Oven and Non Corgi people working on the Gas Pipes are not being considered as factual or within the scope of the Inquiry?

If it is simply viewed that a leaking Gas Pipe caused this accident then I could understand why I have been prevented from appearing.

Regards

Laurence Connolly