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Dear Sirs

Re Roman Point Colliery.

I am writing on behalf of my sister Miss Ivy Lodge and the other members of the family, to request permission that she is legally represented at the court of enquiry.

To date, we have been satisfied to await the results of the enquiry, but the following facts make us feel that other interested parties may attempt to cloud the issue.

Recently I contacted the police to obtain information of any effects or property that may have been recovered from my sister's home, this resulted in a visit from the police to my office and a request for a statement.

Edward Lodge

I was shocked and amazed by some of the questions asked concerning my sister's mental health, moral behaviour, and her reasons for remaining single, and it would appear that these questions were asked to confirm or deny other statements that had been made.

We also understand from my sister's neighbours in Thorne Close (her address before moving to Roman Point) that a solicitor from one of the contracting companies involved in building the flats, has been making enquiries into her character and personal life.

As you are aware my sister was at the centre of the explosion receiving severe burns, shock etc, and we feel that she should be legally represented against any such malicious and unbounded remarks.

Our only interest is that the true facts should become known in order that there can be no recurrence of such a tragedy, and to insure my sister's future happiness.

Yours sincerely

Edwin S. Lodge