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Our ref:

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Anti-Monarchists -v- The Commissioner**

I am writing to you to apologise on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service for the fact that you were arrested and detained for some hours on 4th June 2002.

The aims of the police service on the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations were to ensure that the safety of the many tens of thousands of people who were in London to enjoy the event, to ensure the security commensurate to the threat level and nature of the event and, at the same time, to facilitate lawful protest and prevent crime and disorder while managing huge crowds, minimising disruption and ensuring traffic flow and transport was maintained. This was a very large scale operation involving over 14,000 officers, not only the MPS but also the City of London and British Transport Police.

It is accepted that there was insufficient evidence to justify your arrest on this occasion and that you should not have been arrested and detained.

Yours sincerely

**DAVID WHITMORE**  
**Detective Superintendent**  
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