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Dear Dr Bagshaw

Re Maurice Kirk

Thank you for inviting me to see Mr Kirk in order to provide an opinion about the possibility of cerebral dysfunction being responsible for his recent behaviour. In brief, I note a history of heavy drinking, minor violence including assaults on police, and three crashes in his light aircraft. I understand that he has a grievance against the police and threatened to perform a citizens arrest on the ex-chief constable of South Wales police. He has been struck off as a vet, for reasons that are not clear to me. He also claimed to be involved in a large amount of litigation, in which he is either defending himself or seeking redress against various authorities or organisations.

During the clinical interview today he proved to be a very engaging chap with an extremely colourful life history. He has a fixation that he has been under surveillance for some time by the police. Thoughts relating to persecution by the police dominated his conversation, making it difficult to obtain information of a general kind relating to his life and abilities. Although I was only able to interview him for a relatively short time I obtained the following information that is probably of neuropsychological relevance:-

1. He has a history of risk taking behaviour.
This is most evident in his flying activities. He has apparently flown light aircraft long distances across oceans. He stated that some aircraft were old and in poor condition. He claims not to have taken any maps when he flew to Australia in a Piper Cub. His exploits, which I assume can be verified, reflect very poor judgement by aviation standards and a disregard for laws of flight safety.