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To whom it may concern,

Re: Dental report for Mr Julian Assange DOB: 3/6/1971

I am writing in follow up to the domiciliary dental emergency appointment for the above patient that I carried out at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London on the 8th May 2015. At this appointment Mr Assange complained of a broken tooth that was starting to give some pain.

On examination the upper right first premolar (UR4) tooth had fractured along with the filling that was in it and the dental pulp of the tooth was exposed. The palatal cusp had fractured at the gum line leaving just the buccal cusp of the tooth.

I advised that failure to treat this promptly would lead to infection of the root leading to a dental abscess and pain.

I advised saving this tooth would require root canal treatment. I advised some gingival surgery may be needed before this to effectively isolate the tooth and following completion of the root canal treatment the provision of an Onlay restoration would be recommended. I advised that due to the specialised equipment and radiographic requirements this treatment could not be completed in the domiciliary setting.

I advised extraction of the tooth would be another option but as the fracture extends to the gum line on the palatal aspect and the lack of mobility it may need a surgical extraction. This is not recommended in a domiciliary setting especially as we would need preoperative radiographs to assess the root shape and the proximity of the root to the floor of the maxillary sinus. Extractions in this area carry a risk of creating a communication between the mouth and the sinus which could need surgical closure hence radiographs would be essential to assess this risk.

I dressed the tooth with a temporary sedative dressing but advised the patient that there is a high risk of this falling out given the lack of available tooth for the temporary material to bond to. I advised Mr Assange he should seek treatment in a clinical setting to prevent further progression of his symptoms as soon as possible.

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