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Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for sending the proposal to revise the rules in Part 7 of the CPR. I am replying on behalf of the SE Circuit PJJ although these views are mine alone.

I support all the proposed changes which seem to me to be sensible and well considered. My answers therefore to Questions 1-6 and 9-12 are 'Yes'.

As to Questions 7 and 8. Although I hold no strong views the expression 'lay an information' is well-known within the court system. The press are regularly unable to cope with the 'simplified' language now in use in other contexts. I would prefer to keep the current usage.

Yours,

cc. Cooke J