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Having reviewed the files again in relation to the tragic deaths of the two twins there is nothing to indicate that the deaths were anything other than due to natural causes. I was going to discontinue the investigations but the parents asked me to wait until the result of the Royal College's investigation into neonatal deaths at COCH had been concluded. This report has now been received and its findings do not add any information pertinent to the deaths in question. COCH called the Royal College in because statistically there had been a rise in infant mortality which could not easily be explained. The report reveals a level of understaffing for a unit of its size, possible delays in referrals to tertiary care and other matters which no doubt will be addressed. However, nothing in the report throws any light on the deaths in question and these being natural deaths with nothing to indicate gross human failure I have no jurisdiction to hold inquests.

Let the parents absorb the report and then please communicate my thoughts to them. If they have any representations to make I will of course listen but other than that I will discontinue.

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