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**To:** John Usher  
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Can we discuss this when convenient.

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**From:** Mary Ann Jolley [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Fr Brian Lucas  
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Dear Rev Lucas

I'm a producer with the ABC's 4 Corners program and am writing to request an interview with you. Over the last couple of months we've been researching and filming a story that looks at the Catholic Church's handling of sexual abuse cases since the establishment of Towards Healing and the Melbourne Response in 1996.

We would very much like to talk with you about the broad issues - the complexities of dealing with both the abuse victims and the perpetrators, and also more specifically about the case of John Farrell who we believe you, Rev Usher and Rev Peters met with on 3 September 1992 to discuss complaints made against him. We would like to understand what happened at the meeting and what action was taken.

We would be looking at filming an interview with you in the week of 11 June. Should you agree to an interview, we'd be happy to provide more detail re line of questioning.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Mary Ann

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