

On the morning of Friday 4 September 1998, I found the following message was on the answering machine in the Tribunal/Missions Office in Armidale: -

Hello Wayne, it's John Farrell ringing on the number of the Missions Office you told me to ring and leave a message on the answering machine. The person who is making the blackmailing attempts was arrested by the police today, this is Thursday. He's likely to make all sorts of unusual allegations in return. I've been advised to let you know that, and if there was anything in Armidale you think should be got rid of, this is the time to do it. I'll be in touch again. Hope you're well. Goodbye now.

I did not personally speak to John. But I wondered if John was suggesting in the message that I should remove material from his file.

I arranged a consultation within an hour with solicitor Rob Watt of Watson, McNamara and Watt of Armidale. Rob Watt confirmed an opinion previously received, that the file should not be interfered with.

W J Peters
4 September, 1998
Armidale