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Dear Bishop Roger,

It is with regret that I have to inform you of a phone conversation with a Mr. Jim Jackson who is an executive with John Farragher Removals of Newcastle. It was Wednesday 25th November 1998 about 9.20pm. He was clearly distressed by what he was about to tell me.

His pre-packers had been to the Rectory at Maitland in preparation for a move to Hamilton. They were upset to find, in their words, *porographic homosexual magazines, a bag of pornographic videos, a poster on the wall of Man Alive[?] - a male strip group in the entertainment[?] world, and a book of pictures of child pornography.* *'Our men are no angels, but they were shocked by the material.'* The Rector, they said was in the room watching them pack, and made no attempt to cover up or explain the material.

Mr Jackson stated he had taken his 'supervisor' into his confidence, worried about the implications of paedophilia in such a community leader, and any repercussions on their Company. The Company needed to be 'aware', he said.

I understand that possession of child pornography is a chargeable offence. There are two types of charge:

- 1] charged with *display and showing material,*
- 2] with possession.

I am extremely upset at having to inform you of this matter. Farragher's clearly wanted you to know and to begin to deal with it

I am also very concerned for Fr Peter, as well as the implications for the Diocese if any of the men decided to take it further.

My prayers and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Colvin Ford