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The Rt Rev'd Dr Brian Farran
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RE: Mr Ian Barrack

Right Reverend and Dear Father:

You may not be aware that a number of years ago this gentleman was a student for the Diocese of Newcastle at St John's College, Morpeth. He and his wife lived on the College property. I understand that he did not perform to his full potential and a number of allegations were made about him with a strong possibility that there was some sexual misconduct. A full file about him and these allegations will be found in the Diocesan Registry.

In more recent times Ian has been charged with sex abuse to a minor by the son of one of our women clergy, CKR Rector of REDACTED. Some time ago the matter came before the Parramatta local court. The magistrate decided that Ian had a cause to answer and the matter has been transferred to the Newcastle District Court. I understand that the first hearing is on Wednesday of next week.

Whether or not Ian's Church connection from the past will be picked up by the media is anyone's guess. However, I believe that you should be alerted and perhaps prepared.

I hope that all the necessary information will be found in the Diocesan files.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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(Personal and Confidential)