



St. Patrick's Cathedral
Melbourne Vic 3002

M E M O R A N D U M

FROM: Archbishop George Pell
TO: Ms. Helen Last
DATE: 22nd November 1996

Dear Ms. Last,

Thank you for your memorandum of 20 November.

I have agreed to meet with the Fosters.

I have absolute confidence in Professor Ball. With your experience in this area, you would be well aware that the fact that a professional such as Professor Ball has given expert opinion evidence in a criminal trial after having seen Father O'Donnell once in no way interferes with his ability to determine what level of treatment or support is appropriate for the Fosters. That, I understand, was the reason why Professor Ball met with them. They are of course free to obtain treatment or counselling from an approved external provider.

When I meet them I will emphasise these points to them.

+ George Pell

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE