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Dear Richard,

I enclose herewith a letter I propose to send to Williams Winter & Higgs, the contents of which I trust are self explanatory.

I would like your views as to whether it is appropriate to in effect try to "flush out" the real intentions of the Fosters. A reading of the correspondence only re-enforces the possibility that they may have another agenda, and my oblique reference to other information is reflective of that.

On the other hand if they write back and say they insist upon my making a finding in relation to the complaint which has been lodged, I would feel obliged to do so. They could say we will decide what we are going to do when we have the finding and such an option is contemplated by the Archdiocesan scheme.

I await your reply.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,


Peter O'Callaghan
Independent Commissioner