

MEMO : COUNCIL REF: 4.15 (DOCUMENTS)

FROM : BR. G.T. FAULKNER

DATE : AUGUST 26, 1992

Re : MEETING: GORDON GRANT (President VOICES) & G.T. FAULKNER
TUESDAY AUGUST 25th, 1992. 10.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.
VENUE: BOARD ROOM 459 HAY STREET, PERTH.

NOTE: I took no notes during this meeting as we agreed that it be strictly personal, so the following summary is my memory of a disjointed conversation.

1. PUBLIC ENQUIRY:

- Gordon Grant does not want a Public Enquiry - "too many people (eg. **REDACTED** & family) would be hurt!
- he will try to convince Bruce Blyth not to push for such an enquiry (I don't think he'll succeed).
- I tried to convince Gordon not to bother about Blyth's approval but to write as President of VOICES to politicians against Public Enquiry.
- Gordon is threatening to resign as President and go off to Queensland for a long holiday with family there "to get away from it all."
- apparently, the National Country Party through Hendy Cowan, have shown some interest in pushing a Public Enquiry.
- one politician who might help us is O'Donovan (Ind.).

2. BRUCE BLYTH: (according to Gordon Grant).

- Has commercial interests in publicity
- has received c.200 letters or phone-calls from people with "stories" to tell
- is doing his utmost to collect stories, even into the 1970's
- sees no point in meeting again with me ("waste of time") although his mate Jones wants to "get the bastards";
- Jones is an old-boy of CBC Kalgoorlie and "had a bad experience" there. (My guess is he's about 45).

3. "60 MINUTES":

- David Hardacre (?) of "60 Minutes" has talked to **VT** (who features in WHO) and seems to be looking for other stories too. (Eddie Davis told me 26/8/92 he's been again invited on to TV)!

4. STATUE: Gordon Grant has a real obsession with Keaney's Statue; he says others feel much the same.

5. COUNSELLING:

- Grant keeps insisting on "joint attention to this controversy; "he wants de-fusing moves to appear as joint-statement"
- he cites the need for counselling services
- his own psychiatrist (Dr. Fellows-Smith) has contacted me (see letter in tray)
- I told Grant we would consider such assistance
- I have an appointment with Dr. Fellows-Smith on August 27th.

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6. CONCLUSIONS:

1. I agreed to assist Gordon Grant in "de-fusing this controversy
e.g. helping him word a letter to politicians if that's what
he wants to do;
assisting financially with postage;
supporting (morally) his stance against Blyth's methods...etc.
2. I will (on his request) see Dr. Fellows-Smith.
3. I will "consider" financial assistance to a counselling service.
4. I will not support any form of "enquiry" either public or internal.
5. Any questions or suggestions to me direct from Blyth I check out with
Gordon Grant.

G.T. Faulkner
August 26th, 1992