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While stunned at the time of receipt,  
not surprised for AYB was never going  
to be 'soft' on outcomes (driven also by  
her family of origin and what she saw as  
the effect on her parents, especially her mother)

AYB was a 'big' person in the network of  
organizing action against Reg Durham & heard

I would like to bring closure also. I can  
see the rights of AYB and her family  
and the organizing harm to the Church & our  
Diocese, clergy, people.

I have serious regrets about my handling of the  
matter - partly because of a defensive  
attitude; "do not want to know about this"  
get it over and out of the way"; the fear of  
damage from bad publicity  
- to -

the difficulty of R.D. denying it and  
making D. fiercely dependent on R.D. and  
being in total denial

I did accept what AYB was alleging in 1994.  
I did involve Noel Hynes and Neil arranged  
a meeting with R.D. and Myden Carrick  
while I was never told directly (perhaps I  
should have asked) I understood that R.D.  
had admitted guilt and there was a  
reconciliation

It seemed that AYB was satisfied had decided  
not to tell her parents & family but when  
the AYP investigation became known  
AYB almost "overnight" went to the police  
with her allegations, told her parents and  
involved her family - joined those given/entire  
"victim report"?

The great difference about this case (compared to many others) is the denial of R.D., the influence, strength of Martin & friends of R.D.

Wisdom of court action is evident

- 1) he was convicted of offence against [AYB] and failed (out on parole)
- 2) he was eventually convicted on offence against Sandra B. (after being given a retrial)
- 3) he was freed on appeal - conduct of court

Sixty minutes showed it again  
my phone conversation with Ch. 9, not responsible outcome - never should have done, to allow them to misinterpret.

Seller to Prosec denyng I had said R.D. was guilty, easily interpreted as "he is innocent"

The issue is between [AYB] & R.D., the Prosec not involved

I have no doubt of his guilt

I have acknowledged this to [AYB], accepted her story, Sunday interviews, especially the four hour reconciliation at Centacore (Hydrex)

I have heard R.D. even denyng that he was guilty of anything - all made up - perhaps indicating some complexity but hardly a Harold

I feel very uneasy about injustice to a child to parents & family

A court case would broadcast to the hills  
no trial can take place

Allegations (believed by many) ✓ Denial

Extremely difficult to implement requirements  
negotiate each one