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Dear Sir

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We refer to our facsimile to you of 8 April.

We have been inundated with a bundle of faxes from Shine Roche and have had several discussions with Simon Morrison from that firm and the updated position is this:-

1. The 63 claimants have accepted and we are in the process of settling the Deed of Discharge.
2. Phillip Bauman has spoken to AYN [redacted] and has told him that we will not keep him to the 21 April 1999 deadline but will wait to see whether there is any money leftover for him at the end. Phillip also said that it might be possible for the Professional Standards Committee to fly AYN [redacted] and his family to Rockhampton in order to visit Neerkol. That seemed to pacify AYN [redacted]. Through his Solicitors AYN [redacted] has made further submissions in relation to abuse, deprivation of liberty as well as sexual abuse by Kevin Baker. He has received extensive psychiatric treatment spanning at least a twenty year period. It was for this reason that we were asked to reconsider our assessment.
3. We have indicated to Shine Roche that the conditions attaching to their \$100,000.00 fee does not include excluding them from representing the claimants in an action against the Government for misuse of trust funds.

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4. **REDACTED** has surfaced late. He now knows that if we are prepared to consider him he won't be offered more than \$5,000.00. Shine Roche are to receive instructions this week on whether he is prepared to settle for that figure. We have indicated that we will consider him along with the last 10 claimants and stress that if he is given \$5,000.00 then that comes out of the \$110,000.00.
 5. In relation to the \$110,000.00 offered to the last 10 (now possibly 11 with **REDACTED**) we have continued to insist despite protests from Shine Roche that it is a one-in, all-in offer. We are awaiting their response.

Yours faithfully



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