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Dear John,

Thank you for your most welcome letter received Monday 13 October 1997. I know that what we have achieved in our meetings with the Neerkol Action Support Group Committee was certainly facilitated by your sensitive mediation skills.

I will always be grateful for the support and affirmation you provided to me especially during the more traumatic moments of our meetings. I know that Sr Grace and Sr Denise both valued highly the personable and professional manner in which you handled some obviously difficult and emotional issues.

It was always reassuring for me to know that you were in frequent contact with Phillip and the advice you provided us on many occasions assisted our Leadership Team to reach a decision that kept the reconciliation process moving forward.

We too are keen to keep the momentum going and to build upon the foundation goodwill and trust that has been established. We will be doing all that we can to keep the channels of communication between ourselves and the NASG Committee well and truly open. The advice from Bishop Heenan that he will ask his legal representatives to liaise with Simon and Geoff augurs well for further discussions with respect to a resolution to the question of compensation.

We are very pleased to hear that through the Children's Commission, Mr Alford has agreed to continue to meet your ongoing expenses as we believe that you have a very valuable role to play in both future formal and informal discussions. We will certainly be availing ourselves of your expertise as we proceed further down the path of reconciliation.

Once again, thank you for all that you have done to date and we look forward to continuing to work with you into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Di-Anne Rowan
Congregational Leader