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Dear AYN

Thank you for your recent telephone calls. I have kept Sr Di-Anne fully briefed of our discussions and she is sorry that you were feeling so hurt by the original settlement offer. As a result of our discussions, Sr Di-Anne has asked our solicitors to notify your solicitors that the settlement offer to you will be \$22500 and not the \$12500 that was originally offered.

In addition, Sr Di-Anne will be asking our Professional Standards Office to grant you \$2000 worth of funding to put towards whatever purpose you see fit. This special funding grant from the Professional Standards Committee is in recognition of our understanding of the many difficulties you have had to face in your life and the fact that you have never sought assistance previously from the Professional Standards Office. It also recognises that our available funds for legal compensation payments have been exhausted. In line with our discussions, it would be wonderful if you could use the money to fund your trip to Neerkol with your family. However, the decision on how you use the funds is up to you.

AYN, unfortunately we cannot change the past. We cannot even fully make amends for past events. All we can do is the best we can with the resources we have available to make the present and the future better than the past.

Sr Di-Anne hopes that this settlement will continue our journey of reconciliation together. The payment of the \$2000 has to be formally processed through our Professional Standards Committee but this letter will serve as your personal assurance that the monies will be forthcoming in the near future. Also, please find herewith the photos from Neerkol that we discussed. I know you have some of them already but hopefully there will be some there that you have not seen before.

AYN, I hope the contents of this letter are as we discussed in our recent telephone conversation. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance. Both Sr Di-Anne and I are glad that we have had the opportunity to meet with you and gain some first hand understanding of what you have had to endure in your life thus far.

Kind Regards

Phillip Bauman

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