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Dear AYD

Phillip has told me that you are going through a difficult time at present. I am very sorry to hear that. You have done so much for other former residents of Neerkol and I will always be grateful for the personal courtesy and respect you showed to me at a time of great stress and trauma. I know that without your patience, goodwill and understanding, the progress towards reconciliation would have been a great deal more difficult to achieve.

AYD, I know you have told both Phillip and myself that you do not wish the Sisters to provide you with any financial assistance to enable you to obtain further counselling or medical treatment to help through this difficult time. I respect your wishes and I thank you for the sentiments you are expressing. However, knowing you as I do and knowing the pain you still carry today from Neerkol, I cannot stand by and do nothing to help you.

Accordingly, please find herewith a cheque from our Professional Standards Committee that you can use as you see fit to help you cope with the stresses and traumas of the present situation. AYD, I hope you will accept this in the spirit of reconciliation in which it is given. Please be assured that you will be doing me a personal favour if you can see your way clear to accept this small gesture of our concern for your welfare.

I look forward to seeing you again in due course and I hope that invitation to visit your home at beautiful REDACTED is still open. I will pray that you are feeling better soon.

Best wishes

Di-Anne Rowan