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Dear Mary,

Thank you so much for the letters you sent to Margie Newton from former Neerkol residents who would like face to face meetings with individual Sisters.

I can assure you and the former residents who have written that I will do all that I can to encourage the Sisters to participate in the face to face meetings as proposed, but it will take a little time to develop a process which will be mutually satisfactory for all participants. We are asking John Briton for his advice and assistance.

As you would understand, the current state of health of the sisters would also have to be evaluated before the face to face meetings were able to take place.

On a personal note, I would like to thank AYD, Alan, REDA, RED, AZB and yourself for the friendship and courtesy you extended to me during the taping of the 60 Minutes program.

Your words of encouragement and support meant a great deal to me. I have distributed the poem "Reconciliation" that AYD presented to me, to all of our Sisters and I know that they like me will find the words and sentiments expressed, moving and emotional.

I look forward to seeing you all again on 2 December in Brisbane, when Bishop Brian Heenan will join with us on our journey of reconciliation.

Thank you, again.

M. Anne