

Special Issues.

18th November, 1996.

Ms Helen Last,
CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CENTRE.

Dear Ms Last,

Thank you for your memorandum of 8th November. If I interview the Foster family I will have to interview others. My time is severely limited. Why are they different from other cases?

If you wish me to consider whether I will see them then I would need a written document from you establishing why their case is special and outlining the particular facts of the case to guide me should I consent to an interview.

In your memorandum you indicate that you have had new contacts following my recent announcement. In order to ensure the independence of Mr. O'Callaghan, Q.C., it is imperative that all new contacts are first referred to him. You will understand that it is only in this way that the Church is protected against unfounded allegations that it has been party to a cover up.

I am raising this matter with Mr. O'Callaghan and asking him to contact you to discuss the appropriate procedure to be followed.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

HSP

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE.

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