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Messrs. Madden Dunhill Butler
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Dear Sirs,

Re:
Your Reference - PDG.dj.



We refer to your letter dated the 5th January, 1994. We are instructed by our client that the circumstances of the abuse are as follows:-

"In approximately 1966 I attended Grade 6 at C.B.C. St. Kilda. I met Father Pickering through his duties at the school and in the summer holidays of 1966 he invited me to the Presbytery. Father Pickering told me that he wanted to read me a story and took me into a vacant room. Father Pickering then got a story and tried to wrestle me. When he wrestled me onto the bed he then had my trousers down and he placed his mounth over my penis. Father Pickering told me that I should not tell anyone about the incident and that I should come and see him again in the Presbytery. As I was also an Altar Boy I would see Father Pickering quite regularly. On many of these occasions Father Pickering would masturbate and perform oral sex. These incidents continued until I reached the age of 21 years of age. After Father Pickering had been at St. Mary's Church he was transferred to Warburton and often asked me to come and visit him. I would visit him on weekends and on each of these occasions there would be a sexual encounter involving masturbation and oral sex. "

We are currently obtaining a medical report on our client's condition and will seek our client's instructions to provide you with a copy of same once it has been received.

Yours faithfully,
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