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Dear Bishop Wilson,

I enclose a letter from Hugh Hynd following his report on his interview with members of the ABI family. I understand that he has already sent you a copy of this report and the transcript of the interviews.

After reading the material I asked him to provide some analysis of his findings and he does this in his letter.

As you will note he concludes that he was unable to obtain any evidence of offence in the strict sense from his interviews, but he did find some indication of lack of prudence that could be a sign of, but is not convincing evidence of a deeper problem.

It does not seem that this investigation has uncovered any new information on the matter, but Hugh may be able to assist later if the court throws out the current case and further investigation is called for.

I note Hugh's comment about ABI possibly needing some counselling, or at least quoting ABI's mother's opinion to that effect. I wonder if Centacare might follow up that matter since Hugh is not in a position to do so, and I am not known to the REDACT who might be puzzled by my contacting them.

Yours sincerely,


JOHN DAVOREN