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ATTENTION: Kelly Burke
 Religious Affairs: Sydney Morning Herald

FROM: Brian Houston
 National President: Assemblies of God

DATE: 25 March 2002

RE: Statement of Facts

Dear Kelly,

Following our telephone conversation, I'd like to confirm the following points regarding the Assemblies of God leadership action concerning AME Frank Houston and AMF AMF

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FRANK HOUSTON

- Complaints relate to a period over 30 years ago when he was a minister in New Zealand.
- No complaints had been received until after he had retired from all his leadership roles within the AOG. (He is 80 years of age).
- When an initial complaint was received, as National President of the AOG, I challenged Frank Houston and as a result of combined investigations between the AOG in New Zealand and Australia, he was permanently stood down from all ministry.
- To my knowledge, the complainants have desired to protect their anonymity.

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- If it is proven that the actions of Frank Houston have hurt or damaged the lives of these complainants, it would be their prerogative to pursue it further if they deem it necessary.
- We have endeavoured to deal with this issue with integrity and honesty. Any enquiries from within the church regarding this matter have received a truthful answer. As National President of the AOG in Australia, I am not aware of any occasion when the nature of these issues has been withheld from those within the church who have asked questions.

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Let me point out that there are close to 2000 credentialed ministers in the Assemblies of God in Australia and approximately three to five a year are exposed and disciplined for moral indiscretions.

The sequences of events involving these three men happened at different time periods over the last 30 to 35 years. During that time there have been dozens of other credentialed ministers involved in national leadership positions. There is no denying that these situations are disappointing and go against everything that the Church stands for.

Yours sincerely



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Sent by D LeRoy on Brian Houston's instruction.