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Mr R MacKay  
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Dear Mr MacKay,

AOA

Early in January, a Mercury reporter approached the former Headmaster, John Bednall, requesting information on matters raised by AOA. It is understood that after the lapse of several years, AOA, having become impatient, has passed a file of correspondence to the newspaper. That file may include all correspondence to and from the School, together with other material.

Several weeks have now elapsed without the Mercury choosing to print a story. However, it is felt that in the circumstance that no time sensitivity exists, the journalists may be conducting further investigation and that there remains a distinct possibility that the story may eventually be run.

The Executive Committee of the Board has determined that in the event that the Mercury approaches the School, or that the story is used, the School's response shall be through your firm.

It would appear prudent that you revisit the file so that you are in a position to respond promptly to any query if called upon to do so.

Yours sincerely,

W D Toppin  
HEADMASTER

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