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To:	Mr Ross Campbell	From:	Bill Toppin
Subject:	Mr ^{AOA}	Date:	1 March 2002
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Dear Ross,

Thank you for speaking with me the other day regarding Mr^{AOA}. I seek your advice and assistance on two matters:

1. Who should be spokesman for the School? There are three alternatives - School Solicitor, Chairman of the Board, Principal.

Our feeling is that the spokesman should be Chairman of the Board as it is a Board responsibility, not mine and if we were to use the School Solicitor we believe this would imply guilt on the part of the School. What is your feeling?

2. We would like to have prepared as a matter of urgency a press release for use by persons speaking on behalf of the School. Our thought is that the spokesman should not make comments outside the ambit of the press release.

We thought the following points should form the basis of the press release:

- The School has been aware of the complaints by Mr^{AOA} for some time
- As a result, there have been previous confidential discussions between Mr^{AOA} and the School
- The School has carried out extensive investigations into the matter, but is unable to find independent evidence in support of Mr^{AOA}'s claim. Nonetheless, it is concerned that Mr^{AOA}, as a past student of the School, claims to have suffered as a result of activities alleged to have occurred when he was a student a significant time ago
- The integrity of the School and its ability to deliver an excellent standard of education to present and future students is not in doubt

Would you please modify the release accordingly and email back to me on
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Sincerely,

Bill

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