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**THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

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## MATTERS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD

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MR 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.


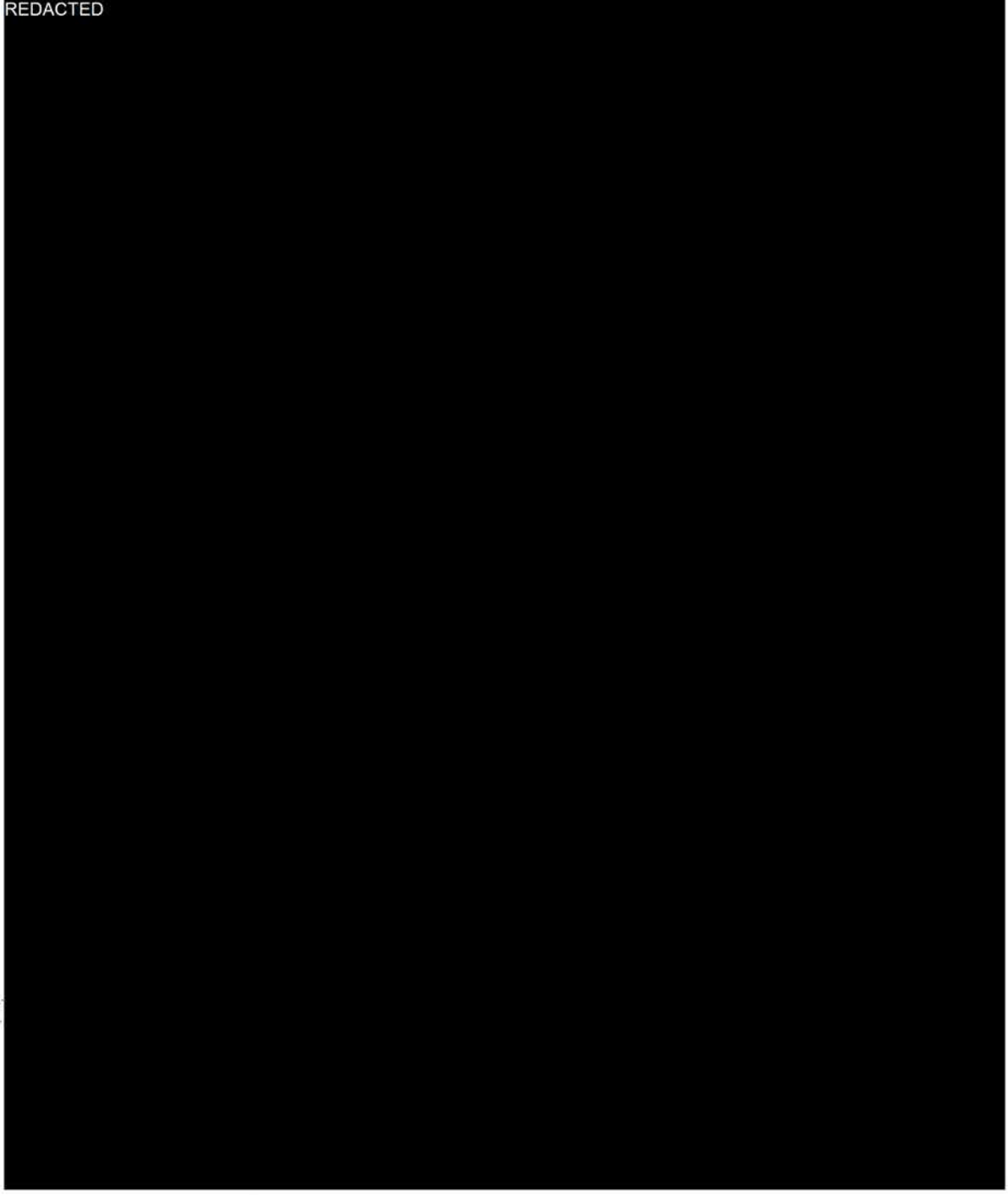
Following a meeting with the Executive Committee of the Board, it was agreed that in the event that the Mercury approaches the School or that the story is used, the School's response should be through the School Solicitor. Accordingly, I have advised the School Solicitor of this development and asked him to revisit the file so that he is in a position to respond promptly to any query if called upon to do so.

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