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December 14, 1989: Greg talked very frankly today about his own time of reflection and introspection which began even before he came to Southdown. He is letting himself get in touch with the seriousness of his behaviour which formerly for the most part he saw simply as seeking comfort for himself. I do not yet hear a lot in his voice of concern for the children, although I won't say it is absent but the larger part is concern for what his future be. He is feeling anxious and up in the air about - will he be able to go back to the work he did, will he be able to go back to any work, will he be able to go back to Australia or what will happen to him. He knows that there is an investigation on hold since he is out of the country and that he can stay in North America for some time getting some further degrees that he is wanted anyway and some studying, but what he wonders will there always be that case waiting for him to return. Apparently he has a friend, a nun, to whom he had told pretty much the details of his story and also one of the boys whom he abused who is now a young man grown up was able to talk with him about the experience and assures him that he had some struggles with it but now he seems to be in pretty good shape. Greg offered to him some therapy at the expense of the community but the young man said he was alright. Greg shared with him the experience with the girl with whom he thought he was in love, and also that apparently the community is paying for therapy for one former victim. I had a uncomfortable sense that the community paying for this didn't really give Greg a strong sense of ownership or of sacrifice to atone for what he had caused, but I would need to explore that further before I spoke with certainty. Greg feels that he has shared in his peer group that he had difficulty with relationships with children and so he feels he is being quite frank but it is my understanding that he was not that explicit and that he continues to struggle some with how much he wants to reveal of himself here. Apparently one on one he has told one or two people.

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