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Most Rev Philip Wilson DD JCL
Archbishop of Adelaide
C/- Catholic Church Office
GPO Box 1364
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Dear Archbishop,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 21 February 2002 regarding the extradition of Brian Perkins and other matters relating to him..

The investigation into alleged offences committed by Perkins is currently under review by a task force headed by Detective Inspector John McCaffrey. Members of the Child Exploitation Investigation Branch are assisting Mr McCaffrey.

The investigation process and associated decisions will be reviewed. As such we thank you for your offer to contribute to any cost associated with any extradition of Perkins within Australia, however, if a decision to extradite is made, all costs will be borne by the South Australia Police.

I am advised by Detective Inspector McCaffrey, the South Australia Police should not express any views in relation to a decision by the Catholic Education Office to contact the parents of children who may have been affected by the alleged sexual abuse.

The Public Advocate, Mr John Harley, has been advised of our views in this matter.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Detective Inspector John McCaffrey by telephone on 8463 7740 or 8463 7840.

Yours sincerely



Kym Hardwick
Chief Inspector
Staff Officer (Commissioner)