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From: Peter Olah

Subject: Behavioural matter - Steve Larkins

Date: 19 May 2000

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- ◆ "I'm at a loss".
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 - ◆ We are not the investigating authority;
 - ◆ The "outside authorities" who are to investigate will advise him of this information.
 - ◆ Even if we were allowed to, we do not have much information about the detail of the complaint to pass on.
- ◆ "Is there a name of someone I can contact who is investigating"?
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For your information.

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Sent: Friday, 19 May 2000 15:39
To: 'Allan Currie'
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Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Allan

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