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Dear Michael,

I am the current Provincial (leader) of the Marist Brothers-Sydney Province, which covers NSW, ACT and QLD.

Brother Peter Rodney has passed on to me your letter to him of 20 September, 2001. It is my understanding that he has contacted you concerning the delay in this response. Both he and I have been attending meetings in Rome for the past two months.

At the outset may I say that I am only too willing to do whatever I can to assist your client, DG. I will include with this reply:

- a) Initial correspondence between DG and myself from March, 2000.
- b) Follow-up correspondence from May, 2000.
- c) Notes I made following a meeting I had with DG in REDACT

As indicated in the notes I made I did express to him my willingness to meet further with him should he wish to do so. I have not heard from him since then, and have felt it best to leave it up to DG to initiate the next step. This he has clearly done. Interestingly he has rethought his position concerning the *Towards Healing* process. If this means meeting with DG again in REDACT then I will certainly do so.

I am a little confused as to your precise role in this procedure. You indicate that solicitors are acting for DG in (Bill Cooper and Associates) but you then refer to DG as "my client". I therefore need to ascertain whether your role here is that of an independent legal adviser, or in concert with Bill Cooper and Associates, or in concert with QPSRG.

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In any case you might advise me on what steps DG wishes to take. I conclude my term of office in the second week of December and that puts a certain pressure on us. Since DG has already met me I suspect it would be preferable for me to do the running with this, rather than leave it to my successor with whom DG would have to start all over again.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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