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Dear Suzan

RE: Donald Bruce HENDERSON - 20106328

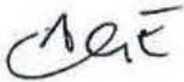
There have been some developments regarding the witnesses for this matter which is listed for confirmatory mention in the Court of Summary Jurisdiction tomorrow and for oral committal on **5-7 February, 2002**:

1. AJB has recently died. I am considering withdrawing all charges relating to him although, as I recall things, MAJD can speak to some of those offences.
2. AJD is in another jurisdiction and will not reach Darwin until the eleventh hour. The Police intend to take an additional statement from him to see:
 - (a) What he can say, first-hand, about your client's activities involving AJB and
 - (b) If he can be any more particular in describing the offences and occasions involving him.
3. I understand that Detective Sergeant Newman intends to take further statements from Carmen and AJE to see if they too can provide any greater particularity.

All that said, I recall your remark that the defendant might be minded to plead to a (considerably) reduced number of charges.

Are you at all minded to make an offer of that sort and this time. Obviously, I appreciate the difficulties for the prosecution occasioned by **S -v- The Queen** (1989) 168 CLR 266. The additional statements are intended to address that concern. I am sure that you will realise that the defendant may benefit from making his approach sooner rather than later.

Yours sincerely



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Crown Prosecutor