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Dear Roger

RE: Donald Bruce HENDERSON - 20106328

Thank you for your e-mail message dated 28 December, last in which you said:

The HENDERSON matter (Retta Dixon home sexual abuse) has taken a little detour with the death of [AJB] as a result of liver cancer. He never mentioned anything to me and it was a surprise to see the death notice in the Alice Springs Advocate (approx 2 weeks ago). Have confirmed it is the one and same person.

I have spoken numerous times to [AJD] in Perth and have had the Perth Child Abuse Unit contact him several times but he seems to have gone on a bit of a bender and every time they go to see him, whether early in the morning or later in the evening he is always drunk. I have spoken to him about this and it appears as though this matter is offending him considerably and he is hiding his sorrows in drink. He tells me that he is still very keen to go to court for this and wants to see HENDERSON put away for his crimes. His statement does contain some specific instances so what do you think about running with his statement the way it is. (He has told me that he is willing to be more specific in his statement if he can, but he only really wants to talk to me and not the southern coppers but I can't see the bosses approving another trip) He also says that he would rather travel by bus to Darwin and requests that his defacto accompany him for

moral support. At this time he has no intention of returning to Perth and requests that the fare be one way to Darwin only. How do you see this proposal?

In relation to Carmen and [AJE] who reside in Darwin, I have just spoken to [AJE] and he is willing to do another statement and try and be more specific. Carmen I haven't spoken to and [AJE] has told me that he will speak to her and get back to me ASAP.

The death of Mr. [AJB] is most unfortunate but certainly will make the presentation or resolution of this matter more simple.

I appreciate that Mr. [AJD] is in Perth and that causes problems for you in taking a further statement until such time as he arrives. I am assuming that you will be taking a further statement at that time.

Working on that assumption, I will forewarn Ms. Suzan Cox, who is Henderson's counsel, that that is the prosecution's intention.

I perhaps didn't make it clear that if the two local witnesses, Carmen and [AJE] **REDACTED** can give additional statements, then that is desirable. Can you please let me know as soon as possible if that is your intention.

In all of the circumstances, how do you feel about my writing to Ms. Cox to try to elicit a plea offer?

Yours sincerely



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Crown Prosecutor