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Dear Ivan

As you may know, I have been working on a book-length biography of Tommy Garnett, which has taken me several years of research. It is well progressed but I am just now writing the Geelong Grammar section of his life.

For that reason it was important for me to read the relevant transcripts of evidence given at the current royal commission, which I have done. I noted the potential for your reputation to be unfairly impugned by some of the lines of questioning in relation to events of 1980 concerning BIM

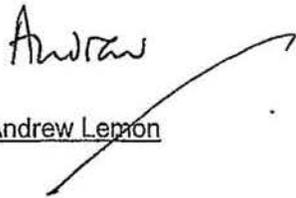
It seems that in 1997, in their eagerness to reach a swift confidential settlement with the ex-Glamorgan student making complaints about abuse in 1980, Geelong Grammar representatives did not fully establish the facts of the case. If BIM were not working for the school in 1980 – which I believe was the case – then some explanation needs to be found for why the ex-student associated him with the school at that time. The attached documents offer a framework for that understanding.

You made reference in your evidence to lists and dates of Glamorgan staff found in my book *The Pride of Miss McComas*, of whose authority the questioning counsel seemed unjustifiably dismissive. My book conservatively gave BIM's years at Glamorgan as 1974-75 because I did not locate a specific departure date. There is a proviso that the list does not include ancillary and temporary teachers, but in re-checking my research notes I have found no indication that BIM ever taught at Glamorgan again in any capacity after 1974.

The attached newspaper extracts show unambiguously that BIM commenced working as general secretary of the REDACTED at least as early as 1975 and was still running courses for them in 1981 with funding from the State Government. He was running a REDACTED "available to any group in the State which wants to use it – families, clubs, schools" and spruiking for customers. It seems very possible that he may have sought and obtained entrée to schools including Glamorgan to procure enrolments for these courses at this time. I repeat, the courses which he promoted were explicitly run by the REDACTED.

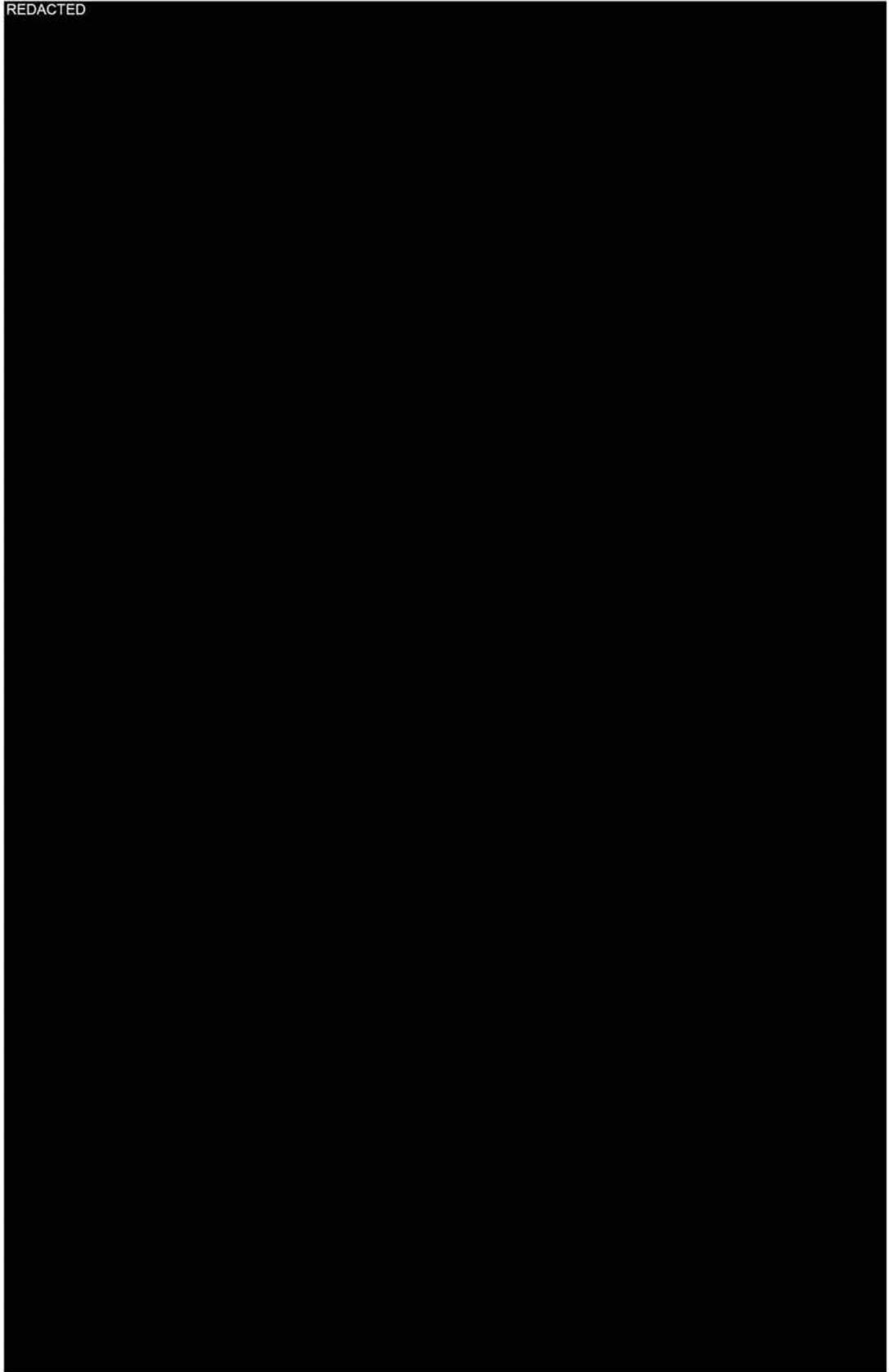
Publications of the REDACTED for this period including newsletters are held by the State Library of Victoria and might provide further detail.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. Kind regards to you and Lisa.

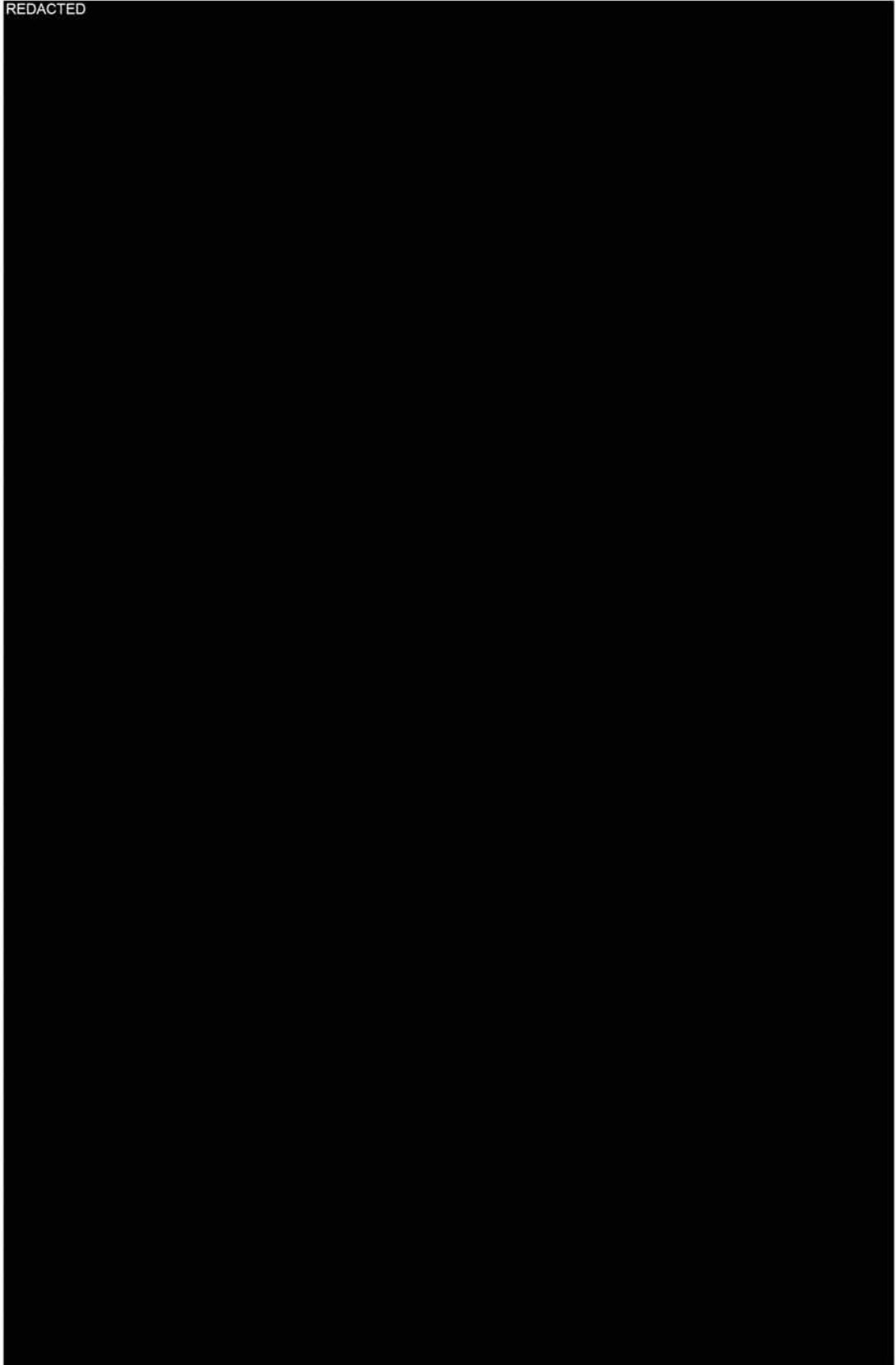


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