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Ms Carmel Niland
Director General
The Director-General's Office
NSW Department of Community Services
Via Facsimile: 9799 9394

Dear Ms. Niland,

Thank you for your facsimile dated 26th October 2000 wherein you share with me your concerns about the confidential DOCS investigation currently being undertaken with students at my school becoming "public knowledge". I believe we are of the same opinion in regards to how inappropriate it was for the media to make public such confidential investigations.

I am pleased to see that your staff are thoroughly aware of the need for confidentiality in such matters and I am comforted by your initiative in reminding your staff of their need to maintain confidentiality and the potential that publicity has to compromise such investigations.

At present, I am at a loss as to how such information could have been leaked and by whom. As I understand it, the specific details quoted in the Sunday Telegraph relate to information that could only have been known at the time by members of the JIT, the Police or your Department. Having said this, however, I am by no means in a position to accuse any one individual or any Government body of initiating the leak. Some members of my school community have contacted me to indicate that they believe they know how and why the information was leaked to the press. I have asked them to supply me with evidence to support their contention and am at present awaiting receipt of such information. Naturally, I will be in touch with you should such evidence come to light as we both share a common concern in this regard.

On another matter, there are some observations of the current investigations that are taking place which I would like to have the opportunity of sharing with you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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