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Attention: Mr John Dalzell

Dear Mr Dalzell

RE: Mr Colin HAGGAR
DOB: REDACTE

Mr Hagggar was examined in my rooms on 27 November 2007. I explained that I was a psychiatrist seeing him at your request and on your behalf and that the interview would not be confidential and was not for treatment purposes.

In addition to the clinical interview the preparation of this report was assisted by documents provided by your office.

Mr Hagggar was provided with the usual explanation as noted above. He immediately expressed concerns about the confidentiality of our meeting and he went on to say that there were issues within his marriage which he wished to discuss with his wife first before she became aware of those issues through, for example, my report.

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Mr Haggar is aged forty eight, he has been married for twenty four years. He lives with his wife and three children aged twenty three, twenty one and nineteen. The family lives in Salvation Army accommodation in REDAC. Mr Haggar is a full time Salvation Army officer. He is involved in the Red Shield Appeal. He has been a Salvation Army officer for about twenty one years.

Mr Haggar was examined at the request of the Salvation Army. He said approximately two months before I examined him, a minute was generated by the Salvation Army in relation to the "management of sex offenders in the Salvation Army fellowship."

Mr Haggar said after reading the minute he went to his superior because he was concerned about an incident which occurred eighteen years ago. He said the Salvation Army was aware of that particular incident. He said he wanted to discuss the implications of the minute both for him and his career with the Salvation Army and for the Salvation Army itself.

PRESENTING COMPLAINT

I asked Mr Haggar what had occurred eighteen years ago. He said he was working with the Salvation Army in Mudgee. He was living with his wife and three children at the time. A family within the congregation had an eight year old girl. He said the child was very affectionate and at one stage he touched her on the vagina, inside the clothing. That occurred once only. He said that incident occurred in October 1989. In December 1989 he advised his divisional commander about what had occurred. He was subsequently dismissed.

The Salvation Army provided him with an alternative non officer job in Sydney. He was sent to the Salvation Army counselling service. In early 1990 Mr Haggar approached the police and he advised the police about what had occurred. He said the police indicated that they did not wish to proceed with any charges against him. I asked him why and he said it was hard for him to recall all the details but he said the police "didn't think there was enough to go on and if they did it would be very painful for the family." I asked him had the child complained, he said no. I asked him was the family aware of what had occurred. He said not initially but part of the process of his dismissal was that he "sat down with the parents and told them." He said at the time he found the family to be "quite forgiving."

He said the child's father was an older man and initially that man told him that if he (the child's father) had not liked Mr Haggar's wife so much, he would have "knocked my block off."

I then asked Mr Haggar directly why did he think the inappropriate behaviour had occurred. He responded by stating, "I don't know, I think I was undisciplined in my private thoughts, letting myself become involved in sexual thoughts, none of which involved children but this child was acting in a sexual way." He said he felt he had let his "guard down." I asked him why had he self reported the inappropriate behaviour and he said he was a Christian and his actions were wrong. He said he believes he speaks to God and that if he had not made a confession then "it would end up in my ultimate destruction, it was a spiritual failing on my part."

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In this particular case there is no clear explanation as to why this man appears to have acted against his natural sexual inclinations. It is possible he was affected by the stress of his father's death but I cannot say definitively that that stress caused him to do what he did with the child.

The fact however that he self reported his behaviour both to his superiors and later to the police indicates that he was greatly troubled by his conscience and with feelings of guilt, regret and remorse. While psychiatrists cannot predict in any definitive way how any human being will react at any time it is my view, based on his history and his clinical presentation, that Mr Hagggar does not pose any significant risk to adults or minors. I think that the risk of Mr Hagggar acting again in an inappropriate sexual way towards children is minimal if any risk is there at all. I think his prognosis from a forensic perspective is extremely good.

Thank you for asking me to provide this opinion.

Yours faithfully



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