

17th August 2009

JD

C/- Esther Centre

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Dear JD

Lieut-Colonel Philip Cairns has let me know of your request that I write to you regarding the period when you came forward with information about the sexual abuse you suffered at the hands of John Lane. He has explained that you feel I did not respond to you helpfully and I did not acknowledge the seriousness of the abuse. I acknowledge that I did not arrange counselling for you at this difficult time.

I wish to say sorry for not believing you and for not being helpful to you. The abuse you suffered as a young child was something terrible and should never happen, particularly in The Salvation Army, as it is completely against everything The Salvation Army stands for.

Please accept my sincere apologies.

God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Stan Everitt (Lieut-Colonel)

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13 AUG 2009

Noted -- SPE to  
visit Stan Everitt.

*Philip Cairns*