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Colonel J. Noland,
CHIEF SECRETARY

Dear Colonel,

re: **SEXUAL ABUSE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS**

Further to your letter of 6th June I attach a model for a scheme to compensate victims of a condemned child abuser. The model refers particularly to the case of Smith and has the support of the personal injury claims committee and our legal advisors.

We do not see this model as being appropriate for those merely making complaints against alleged abusers who have had no judgement against them. In these cases we support the continuation of counselling and associated expenses.

Any claims for compensation made with a threat of taking legal action would be considered on their own merits.

The question however does arise as to the source of funds from which counselling, legal fees and compensation should be paid. We are hopeful that most costs will be met from our insurance. There is a question mark as to whether our insurance will cover all cases. It would pay for us to investigate this and ensure that we have some funds available which are not seen to be from public sources such as the Red Shield Appeal or Legacies but are identifiable Salvation Army source funds.

I provide this update for consideration at Cabinet.

Kind regards,

God bless you.

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