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Colonel Joe Noland  
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Dear Colonel,

## SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY

The regular bulletins about the Allan Smith case in Western Australia from John Dalziel have informed you of the action we have taken to minimize the damage caused by this case in Western Australian. Central to this has been the establishment of a special sexual abuse response unit in Western Australia which we propose to setup in all other states in the territory. We have been advised by our lawyers that this should be done throughout the nation on a uniform basis and when I am next in Sydney on March 21st I would like to include this on our meeting agenda.

The issues that are concerning us are:

- ⇒ Police checks on candidates and all existing officers
- ⇒ A review of any past impropriety by officers and the action that has been taken
- ⇒ The appointment of sexual abuse coordinating teams in each state who have expertise to handle approaches by victims and their families
- ⇒ Support teams in each state of recognized psychologists and counsellors with sociology qualifications
- ⇒ Recognized Public Relations spokes people who are able to deal with an entirely different media environment

We would be interested to know if you have any likely cases of sexual abuse occurring in your territory. I will bring with me a brief on what is occurring and likely to occur in our territory.

Yours sincerely,

CHIEF SECRETARY  
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