

PHB RLW 2/4553

Melbourne



18 July 2001

Mr G Sapwell The Salvation Army Locked Bag 1 MONT ALBERT 3127

Dear Graham

Complaint by Graham Rundle

We enclose for your attention copies of the following:

- 1. Signed statement of Major Ian Huxley dated 20 June 2001.
- 2. Signed statement of David Osborne dated 22 June 2001.
- 3. Draft statement of Major Laurens.

I have not received back the signed statement from Major Laurens. I would be happy to chase him up or you may consider it more appropriate that you do.

As you are aware, the matter rests with our letter to Graham Rundle of 25 May 2001 in which we asked him to sign authorities to enable us to obtain reports from any counsellors, medical practitioners or psychiatrists who have counselled him.

Finally, we confirm we have sought advice from Mr Paul D'Arcy concerning the future conduct of Mr Rundle's claim for compensation. Specifically I have sought advice as to the following:

- Whether the Salvation Army is obliged to inform the police concerning allegations made by Rundle.
- 2. Whether the Salvation Army ought encourage Rundle to inform the police about the matter.
- 3. Whether the Salvation Army is free to continue to deal with the complaint by Rundle on an informal, and an internal basis with a view to paying compensation.

Mr D'Arcy's preliminary view is that the Army are not obliged to inform the police concerning the allegations and that it may be better to deal with the matter on an informal basis without encouraging Rundle to make a complaint to the police.

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I will discuss this matter further with you once we have received an advice from Mr D'Arcy.

Yours faithfully

Nevett ford Philip Brewin

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