

FILE MEMO

IN A WORD - Parkers

DATE 22/4/97

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	Salvation Army	Smith.	4.

Telephone in : Mr S. Sappell.

Wants to sort out q. of compensation.

SA made decision - they want to compensate the victims in some way.

Policy posn is not to abuse people further by taking a confrontational posn.

① have a counselling aspect in place draft

② leg. some guidelines on how compensation should be made.

SA's posn.

1. Allegedly ~ 20 victims according to Smith.
Police only able to locate 4/5 at this stage.

2. 1 victim has contacted SA saying he believes he is entitled to compensation - asking SA how does he go about it, how much is he entitled to

3. SA wants to compensate - feel they have a moral obligation.
- but how do they go about the process?
Obviously need to balance legal/moral considrs

4. Don't want to go the way of the Catholic Church.
- DC deliberating on appls
\$50,000 max available to each victim.
too legalistic. Don't like this approach.

5. Not interested in establishing 'pool' of funds

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with designated maximum
- want assessment to be able to be flexible to reflect damage

5. At this stage, no independent evidence - only victims version as given to counsellors.

6. Query possn of this information - confidential?

Concerns:

1. Can we really give any assistance other than legal advice?
Would we consider how P & P can help.

2. Aware that we may say don't do any of this - opening up the floodgates.

Aware or churches will be concerned by action - establishing precedent - advised not setting legal precedent, but yes prob will increase public pressure on other church groups in similar posns.