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Lieut.-Colonel Derrick Jessop
Secretary for Personnel
AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY

Dear Colonel

Re: **ALLAN SMITH**

Thank you for your expressions of concern for us as we work through the issues concerning Allan Smith.

There were some incidents that the Army became aware of in late 1973 which led to the dismissal of the then Captain Smith in early 1974. The records show that he was re-accepted as an Envoy in July 1979 and subsequently promoted to Captain in November 1980.

Our distress now comes from the admissions that Allan Smith made in Court on 27 February last concerning offences over a time frame from 1954 to 1976.

I am unable to comment on what suspicions may have been held that long ago.

As to the question of how we should deal with any suspicions about officers now, or in the future, we would be pleased to work with your Territory on the development of appropriate responses in matters of that kind.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



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SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL

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Response Unit WA
is enclosed)