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John,

I spoke to Michael last night and he confirmed that he would appreciate a reference but that he was still only prepared to consider keeping the appointment on Friday. At that time, he suggested just the Investigator and my at the meeting with him. He was not inclined to go to the police, even in the company of the investigator at that time.

I followed this up this morning with another phone call and he had decided not to keep the appointment, claiming that he wanted to move on with his life and put this behind him. I left open the invitation to call me but I don't hold out much hope of this.

On reflection I wonder if this was all simply part of his negotiation for the termination agreement or an indication of his unstable nature. Judging by the vastly differing moods and responses to each phone conversation & the meeting in your office, I suspect the latter. You are probably in a better position to judge that. I guess at very least, the employment matter is resolved with less angst and perhaps fewer dollars than might have been the case.

As regards to his information about the other matters within the school, I am unclear about how much more information he has. In the conversations he appears to alternate between inferring there is more and, as he did today, claiming that he has passed on everything to his superiors at the school (although some of this this information may have been well before your time as Headmaster). I pressed him to consider providing anything more and he reiterated that he had passed on everything at some time or other.

My feeling is that the key area where he may have been able to assist is in the provision of names of others who may have more information but at this time he is not willing to involve others. His final assertion was that he had given all the information that he had at the time each event happened and that it should be on the record in the school somewhere.

If he doesn't change his mind, and I think such a change is unlikely, I believe that we / you have done all that is possible to pursue any and all references or hints of untoward or illegal activity at the school recently or in the distant past. Michael has provided much detail to you and the investigator previously, I don't think there is much more that you or the school or even the police can do to pursue this at this time. I may make a follow up call to Michael in several weeks, in the meantime, I think the matter rests and the meeting on Friday 18th will not take place.

John Oldmeadow