

**UNITED STATES BRANCH**  
**EXECUTIVE OFFICES**

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Via CompuServe

Watch Tower Society  
AUSTRALIA

Dear Brothers:

We are writing per your letter dated SA:LLA October 29, 1997, No. 121. The Legal Department had considered your letter and then made inquiry of the Writing Committee about the possibility of putting something in the publications concerning the law regarding confidentiality with regard to child abuse cases.

It is the opinion of the Writing and Service Committees that nothing be put in print in the publications, either in *The Watchtower* or *Our Kingdom Ministry*, concerning this subject. However, if the publishers in Australia need further information in this area, what do you propose to include in an article in *Our Kingdom Ministry* or possibly in a letter if it is really needed? Could we hear from you on this point before anything further is done?

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society  
of Pennsylvania

For the Service Committee

Cc: Legal Department  
Writing Committee