

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

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Via CompuServe

Watch Tower Society  
AUSTRALIA

Dear Brothers:

Your letter AB April 28, 1998, No. 212 made a suggestion for a possible Question Box in your edition of *Our Kingdom Ministry* on the need under some circumstances for elders to inform the secular authorities when they learn of a brother or sister being involved in a serious crime.

After carefully considering the matter it has been concluded that if the Branch Committee in Australia continues to recommend publishing the suggested material, then it would be appropriate for the branch to feature the suggested question and answer as outlined in your letter 212. It will not be necessary to schedule the information to be considered on a service meeting program, nor to have an elder just read the question and answer. We will leave it to the brothers to read the information presented and suggest you proceed no further on the matter than that at this time.

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