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Date: 13.11.2012 03:59 PM
Subject: RE: life

Hi Vivek,

Great to hear from you.

Spent Sunday afternoon playing guitar and singing with young Shankardev and Gautam !!

My thoughts re legal issues are in the email below.

Love

np

*As requested
Hridayananda*

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From: viv thomson [mailto:REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 13 November 2012 3:41 PM
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Nityapuja, hari oms and greetings from sunny Mangrove
 Would you kindly help us with this? This morning Hriday, Sadashiva,

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Jayatma, Kriyatma and I were having a senior citizens' session together to discuss Satyananda Yoga, its present and future. At the end, the subject of the proposed Royal Commission into paedophilia came up and raised some memories of the dark old days. As none of us were around here at the time, we don't know much about it and the ramifications for the organisation if anyone should rattle the skeletons. We realise there is only a remote likelihood of us having to deal with the matter, but we believe we should have our facts right, and you may be able to help:

Was Akhandananda convicted of a paedophilia-related crime?

[Craig Leggat] yes

We know he spent some time behind bars, was it for that?

[Craig Leggat] yes

If so, how could we get a copy of the judgement?

[Craig Leggat] The High Court appeal judgment is available on the High Court web site.

In view of the complete change of management, different organisational structure, and strict child-protection procedures we have in place nowadays, would we, in your opinion, still have any new claims to answer relating to anything that happened back then?

[Craig Leggat] potentially yes but unlikely

Do you have any comments or suggestions to make for us on the matter?

[Craig Leggat] There is probably not much that 'the ashram' can usefully do at present apart from wait to see what occurs. The matters you have set out [child protection procedures etc] are very positive and will be very useful if allegations are made and claims arise.

Would you kindly reply to all.

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From: Craig Leggat SC <leggat@REDACTED>

To: viv thomson <REDACTED>

Sent: Tuesday, 30 October 2012 12:48 PM

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Hi Vivek,

Great to hear from you. I will tell the wonderful Jyotsna the good news. She is basking in the relief of having finished 2nd year statistics at Uni and getting awarded a high distinction grade.

The statute of limitations for contracts is 6 years from the date of the making of the contract. My feeling is they have long forgotten about any law suit.

love to you and Hriday

np

PS I have been reading St Teresa of Avila 'Interior Castle'. Good bhakti mysticism to immerse myself in while playing the legal games in the city !!

From: viv thomson [REDACTED]

Sent: 30 October 2012 11:55

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