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*By Registered Mail*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dunlop:

*Re: Cornwall Public Inquiry*

On September 21, 2006, I invited you to participate in the Inquiry. I have unfortunately not received a response from you. I am taking the time once again to extend the invitation.

If you have been following the Inquiry, you are aware that we have heard from a number of experts in the field of the treatment of victims and the investigation and prosecution of allegations of sexual abuse. They assisted the Inquiry in establishing a context to permit us to better understand and therefore to better appreciate the evidence we have begun to hear.

Since early October we have been hearing from victims and alleged victims of sexual abuse and their interaction with a number of institutions. They have also shared with us the effects the abuse, the investigation of the allegations and the prosecution of the charges have had on their lives. We expect to have completed that portion of the evidence in the month of April.

Once we have heard from these witnesses we may hear evidence from alleged perpetrators and perpetrators with respect to their experience with Public Institutions. We have not been able to confirm at this time that any wish to participate and give evidence at the Inquiry.

If none wish to participate, we would then proceed with the institutional response to the allegations. We would like to call you as a witness prior to hearing witnesses from the Institutions as your evidence would serve to link the victims' evidence to the response. The obvious reason is that you have dealt with many of these victims personally and for a period of time you were part of the Institutional response as well. Undoubtedly you have a unique perspective on many of the events we are mandated to examine. Your personal involvement with the different institutions is part of the response as well and we believe that you have an important story to tell.

I have explained to you in my previous correspondence why I believe that your participation in the Inquiry is crucial to the fulfillment of our mandate. Your contribution would go a long way to providing the Commissioner with your perspective on what occurred in Cornwall during those difficult times and assisting him in fully understanding the events that took place.

We have asked all witnesses if they have recommendations for us to ensure that allegations of child sexual abuse are dealt with appropriately by Public Institutions in Cornwall and all over Ontario. I would welcome any recommendations you may have for us in this regard.

I also want to make it very clear that since this is a provincial inquiry your appearance before the Inquiry as a non-resident is therefore voluntary. There are also services that are available to you if you participate as a witness in the Inquiry. I am prepared to request that the Commissioner make a recommendation to the Attorney General that you be represented by a lawyer of your choice who would be paid by the government at the same rates and terms as Counsel for the publicly funded parties. All travel costs would be covered for both you and Helen, together with the costs of any of your children who would accompany you on this trip. The Commission will also provide accommodations as needed according to government guidelines. As you may be aware, counselling for you and your family is available through our counselling service.

My staff, together with our lead investigator, will meet with you both, either in British Columbia or here in Cornwall, to ensure that you are properly prepared to testify. Your lawyer would certainly be welcome to attend at any or all of these preparation meetings. If you have been following the Inquiry, or have spoken to any of the witnesses, we trust that most if not all will tell you that they were treated with dignity and respect not only by the Commissioner and Commission staff but also by all of the parties who are participating in this extremely important work.

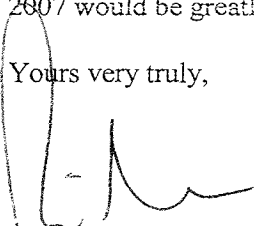
As previously stated, your testimony is central to many of the issues touching this Inquiry. I certainly understand that this period has had a dramatic effect on your professional and personal life. We need only look at the testimony of those who have had the courage to come forward to tell their stories.

In conclusion, therefore, I certainly understand the enormity of what is being asked of you and have set out ways in which we could help facilitate your participation in this Inquiry. I would be pleased to discuss any other logistical matters.

You received the Ethical Courage Award for your willingness to stand up for "the right thing" and for your unhesitating demonstration of character and integrity in bringing the matter of historical sexual abuse to the forefront. The expectations of many individuals presently engaged in the Inquiry process is that your voice needs to be heard. I believe that everyone involved in the Inquiry would appreciate your participation.

I would be pleased to discuss this matter further. The courtesy of an initial response by January 21, 2007 would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to call collect at your convenience.

Yours very truly,



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