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Staff Sgt. Lucien Brunet  
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RE: David Silsler

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your correspondence of September 9th, 1993.

It is our policy not to compel victims of sexual crimes to proceed against their wishes. Also, the officer was tentative on the issue of R. and P.G. before this so-called "settlement". Grounds are now even further obfuscated by the fact that he has evidently used this threat of criminal prosecution as a means of furthering his efforts to gain monetary settlement.

It is evident that Mr. Silsler's allegations suggest a very serious breach of trust by the alleged perpetrator. These concerns can, of course, be put to the suspect's principals if you deem it appropriate. However, this case is fraught with (due to his own conduct) a very non-credible complainant, saddled with an evident ulterior motive for making these allegations.

It is, as you are aware, exceptionally difficult to put supportive victims through the sexual offence trial process. It is for policy reasons, not in the public interest to put a reluctant witness through the same process. This is especially so when that reluctant witness will be "crucified" in cross-examination.

Yours truly,

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to Chief Shaver  
As requested/suggested  
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