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Our Reference #: M00-04728

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Dear Mr. Bateman:

Thank you for your e-mail to the Attorney General dated July 1, 2000, regarding the cases of alleged sexual abuse of young people in Cornwall. Your e-mail message was forwarded to me by the Attorney General for response.

You have raised a number of issues in your message. Chief among them appears to be your lack of confidence in our system of justice in relation to the cases of alleged sexual abuse of young people in Cornwall by persons in positions of authority. I do not share your view. As you are aware, a special police unit, *Project Truth*, was formed in 1997 and continues to re-investigate allegations originally raised by P.C. Perry Dunlop concerning sexual exploitation of Cornwall youth. As a result of the *Project Truth* investigations, many charges have been laid in respect of thirteen individuals in the Cornwall area, including a number of priests, two lawyers, a doctor and a teacher. Furthermore, several very competent and experienced Crown counsel have been assigned to the *Project Truth* prosecutions. Since these cases are before the court, it would be inappropriate to comment further. Furthermore, it is my view that a public inquiry into this matter is premature, as it would jeopardize the fairness of ongoing prosecutions of those who have been charged.

You have asked that the Attorney General consider material that has been posted on website www.projecttruth.com. I must share with you my concerns regarding the establishment of that website, which has been taken down, although I understand that there has been some discussion among Cornwall sexual abuse survivors about re-establishing the website.

I understand that the "project truth" website contained affidavits of anonymous individuals alleging sexual misconduct by Catholic priests in relation to the affiants and other young people in the Cornwall area. These affidavits appear to be identical to some of those in the possession of O.P.P. *Project Truth* investigators. The identities of the affiants are known

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to the official police investigators and indeed some of these affiants will be called as Crown witnesses on the trials of persons who have been charged by *Project Truth*. It is not clear how these affidavits, originally collected as evidence by the police investigators, came to be in the possession of individuals responsible for setting up the "project truth" website. In addition another affidavit was published on the website and it suggested an association between the current Crown attorney in Cornwall and several former prominent members of the Cornwall community who allegedly constituted a "clan" of homosexual pedophiles.

I do not support the website as it has not served the interests of the Cornwall community. You have named the website "project truth," which is the same name as the official police investigation, which could confuse the public. Members of the public accessing the website may have been led to believe that it was associated with the O.P.P. *Project Truth* investigation and they may be of the view that these investigators have improperly published the affidavits of victims who reported their experience of sexual abuse. This in turn would reduce public confidence in the official O.P.P. investigation into allegations of sexual abuse of young people in the Cornwall community. These investigations are at a critical juncture with some cases just beginning to come to trial. Victims and other witnesses who may not have yet come forward to the police may be inhibited from doing so as a result of their perception that the police, contrary to accepted practices, have disseminated confidential information. As you can appreciate, reduced public confidence in the official police investigation has the potential of bringing the administration of local criminal justice into disrepute.

I wish to thank you again for taking the time to express your concerns to the Attorney General in this matter.

Yours truly,



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In Re: Your Reference # M00-04728

Dear Mr. Segal:

Thank-you for your letter dated August 29, 2000, which I received September 15, 2000.

Your letter is replying on behalf of the Attorney General, to my particular correspondence to him dated on or about July 1, 2000.

As my reply to you, a copy of your letter to me edited with footnote-type numbering, is included herewith. The sentence prior to the number and the number are associated. Below, I offer my replies with the corresponding numbers.

- A)1 You are correct. Based on my experience, education, training and study of the facts while living and employed in Cornwall, Ontario, and surrounding area, from 1989 to 1999, I do have a lack of confidence in our system of justice in relation to the cases of alleged sexual abuse of young people in Cornwall by persons in positions of authority.
- B)2 I understand why you do not share my view. As Assistant Deputy Attorney General and on behalf of the Deputy Attorney General and the Attorney General, your offices are ultimately responsible for the "systemic improprieties" which compelled me to initiate www.projecttruth.com.
- C)3 It is my understanding and belief that *Project Truth* was formed in 1997, however your assertion that *Project Truth* continues to "RE-INVESTIGATE" is vague. This is a serious statement requiring further discussion. The mandate of *Project Truth* 1997 was consistently vague and ambiguous; furthermore, published statements in different time periods from investigators, supported the fact that *Project Truth* was closing down.
- D)4 I do not believe you are acutely apprised of the facts since in or about 1992. I encourage your complete review of the political, social, news media, criminal, and related facts since *Project Truth*-1997 compared with corresponding facts since in or about 1992. I see your use of the word "fairness" as being prejudicial and contemptible in light of the facts since in or about 1992.

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James P. Bateman to Murray Segal, Assistant Deputy Attorney General:
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- E)5 I encourage you to carefully review all links that were provided on the website www.projecttruth.com. It was clearly explained that the affidavits/information was/were provided by a victim and/or victims. Your correspondence to me is the first indication that any correspondences on the www.projecttruth.com website was collected as evidence by the police investigators' and was not in the public domain and/or for the sole use of the police investigators.
- F)6 It is my information and belief that based on my personal experiences, employment, education, review of the facts since in or about 1989, living in the Cornwall and surrounding area, that, as a result of the website, the better interests of the Cornwall community was/were never better served, in regards to *Project Truth-1977* and prior to *Project Truth-1977*. I hold you and your offices and others totally responsible for not protecting serving the interests of the Cornwall community.
- G)7 The name of the website was www.projecttruth.com. If you had read the introduction page, you would clearly have learned the non-associations. Furthermore, prior to the aforementioned website, public confidence in the police and institutions, as you mention, was never worse. Since then and now in September 2000, www.projecttruth2.com (managed by a different person other than myself) has given the community confidence and it is up to you to DO THE RIGHT THING, RIGHT THE WRONG. The community knows the truth!!
Your comment of, "contrary to accepted practices" implies oppression, and evokes memories/visions of apartheid type government practices.
- H)8 On the contrary Mr. Segal, public confidence that "change" will occur and arrest and prosecution of pedophiles and their protectors will subsequently take place, has never been so high in the Cornwall community. As many systems and individuals are faced with renewal, so is the community and the local criminal justice system. Face the errors and omissions. The community has been afraid of the "system" for decades; help them "change" the system.

IN CONCLUSION:

It is my information and belief, as provided in part-herein and related to the "Project Truth 1997" and prior to "Project Truth-1997" subject;
the better interests of the Cornwall community have not been managed in good faith and, after reviewing facts from all sources; proof conclusively of the mismanagement, misrepresentation, disinformation, oppression of facts, cover-up, will be established.

FURTHERMORE: I believe and demand that Jim Flaherty, Attorney General; Ms. Shelley Hallett, Counsel, Crown Law Office-Criminal; Mr. Murray MacDonald, Crown Attorney, Cornwall; Mr. James Stewart, Director of Crown Operations, East Region and others, must immediately resign their positions in Provincial Government because of their mismanagement, intentionally or through ignorance, of their responsible provincial affairs, namely *Project Truth-1977* and *Prior Project Truth-1977*.

Sincerely yours,

James P. Bateman

Cc Jim Flaherty