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- 1.---- YOU SAID THE NUNS WOULD HAVE ARRANGED FOR ME TO GO TO ST.JOSEPHS ? HOW WOULD THE NUNS KNOW I WAS PREGNANT AND AT THE WOMENS HOSPITAL IF IT WAS A VISIT .
YOU ALSO SAID YOU INTERVIEW SINGLE MUMS ONTHIER OWN

- 2.---- YOU SAID I WASN,T FORCED INTO THE CAR .WELL AS A 15 YEAR OLD
AND PREGNANT BEING TAKEN TO A CAR TO ME THAT MEANS I,M GETTING
A LIFT HOME ASI HAD A HOME AND FAMILY .
THE LAW ALSO STATES ONCE YOU BECOME A MOTHER AT ANY AGE
YOU HAVE YOUR OWN LEGAL RIGHTS MINE WAS TAKEN AWAY UNDER-HANDEDLY AND ILLEGALY

- 3.---- YOU SAID IT WAS UP TO YOU IF YOU NOTEIFIED THE POLICE WELL YOU ALSO DID THAT KNOWING IWAS KEEPING MY BABY YOU KEEPED SAYING I,M 80 AND HAVE MEDICAL PROBLEMS YOUR MEMORY DOESN,T SEEM TO BE ONE OF THEM .
THIS LABELED MY HUSBAND A CATERY 1. SEX OFFENDER AND WEHAD TO GOTO THE OWNER OF THE CLUB AND TELL THEM WHY HE WAS FIGHTING FOR HIS CARD

- 4.---- YOU ALSO SAID THAT YOUR CONCERNS WERE ALWAYS THE YOUNG GIRLS .WELL FROM WHAT I HAVE HAD FROM OTHER PAST SOCIAL WORKERS .YOUR DEPARTMENT WAS VERY RESPONSIBLE . FOR A LOT OF OUR TORMENT & PUNISHMENT AS YOU WERE A HEAD SOCIAL WORKER ABOVE THE TRAINEE ONES .
I BELIEVE YOUARE VERY AWARE OF THE RAPID ADOPTION

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LETS SAY IT AS IT WAS YOUR DEPARTMENT OPERATED ILLEGAL ADOPTION,STOLE BABIES,FAKED DEATHS,FROM SINGLE AND MARRIED MOTHERS WHAT WERE WE ? THATS RIGHT YOUNG SLUTS

TRAMPS. WHO DON,T DESERVE TO HAVE THESE BABIES

5.---- IT BLOWS MY MIND TO HOW CRUEL YOU ALL WERE THAT,S THE NUNS AS WELL YOU ALL THOUGHT YOU KNEW BEST AND HAD THE RIGHTS BUT WERE WAS OUR RIGHTS YOU SAID TO ME MOVE ON AND ENJOY MY KIDS AND GRANDCHILDERN WELL THATS A BIT HARD KNOWING THAT YOU ALL ACTED ILLEGALLY

AND THERE WAS PLENTY OF MONEY MADE OUT OF THESE DIRTY ACTIONS YOU ALL CARRIED OUT SWAPPING BABIES, STEALING BABIES, SELLING BABIES , THATS HOW THE COLT THE FAMILY GOT MOST OF THERE BABIES BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL,CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES,SOCIAL WORKERS, DOCTORS,SPECIALIST,SISTERS,& SOLICITORS.WERE ALL INVOLVED WITH THE STOLEN BLACK MARKET

6---- YOU SAID ABOUT YOUR MEDICAL PROBLEMS WELL [REDACTED].I HAD 2 MENTAL BREAKDOWNS DUE TO ALL OF THIS IF I HADN,T BEEN SENT TO THE HOME I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED YOUR CROWD WAS SURPOSE TO PROTECT US IT DIDN,T WERE WAS MY PROTECTION MOST OF ALL FROM THE NUNS AND YOUR DEPARTMENT CATHOLIC WELFARE I

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WAS

NOT A WARD OF THE STATE. I WAS NOT NEGLECTED BY MY MOTHER
BUT I WAS BY YOUR DEPARTMENT .YOU SAID THE FINAL SAY WAS

YOURS

AND TALKING MEDICAL I HAVE HAD 2 LUNG OPS HISTOEECTOMY AT
27

WHICH KNOW I QUESTION THAT WAS DONE AT WOMENS AS WELL I
HAVE

ALMOST ALL OF MY BOWL REMOVED OSLEOPHOROSIS IN WHICH MY

BACK IS GIVIN ME GREAT PROBLEMS I ALSO HAD 13 CURETTES AT
THE

WOMENS I HAVE HAD 3 HEMOROID OPPS SO MY HEALTH IS NOT
GOOD

AND I,M ONLY 62

7.---- YOU SAID IT WAS YOUR JOB TO INTERVIEW THE GIRLS AND LISTEN

TO WHAT THEY WERE SAYING HOW COME YOU DIDN,T HEAR ME
SAY I,M KEEPING MY BABY YOU ALSO SAID NO DOCUMENTS WERE
EVER SIGNED

BY YOUR DEPARTMENT SO IT WAS ALL VERBAL SOME BODY
DIDN,T DO THERE JOB

WHEN IT CAME TO ME .AS NUNS AND SOCIAL WORKERS WE
SHOULD HAVE BEEN

ABLE TO TRUST YOUBUT THAT WASN,T THE CASE AND NOW WE
ARE PAYING FOR IT

8.---- YOU SAID THERE,S NO NEED FOR LEGAL ACTION IT,S NOT YOUR
LIFE

THAT HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND ABUSED .IT,S MY WHOLE
FAMILIES

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LEGAL ACTION AND THE TRUTH IS THE ONLY THING FOR ME
BECAUSE
EVERYBODY HAS BOUNCED BACK WITH JENNIFER YOUR A NUTTER
IT,S
ALL IN YOURHAED EVEN FATHER [REDACTED].WHO WORKS WITH
[REDACTED]
SAID WELL IT,S NOT OUR FAULT .IS IT MINE THEN THERE,S [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
WHO SAID JENNIFER YOU ONLY HAVE 2 BITS OF PAPER THAT
DOESNOT PROVE
ANYTHINK WELL IT DOES THEY STATE ST.JOSEPH,S BABIES HOME
AND THAT
I OBSCONDED AND THE OTHER ONE STATES ,CATHOLIC FAMILY
WELFARE
C.F.W.B. WHICH IS YOU .WE TALK ABOUT SAYING SORRY IT,S ONLY
A WORD
TO ALL OF YOU BECAUSE THE END OF THE DAY YOU WERE AND
STILL ARE
PAID VERY WELL FOR WHAT YOU ALL DID YOU HAVE GONE ONTO BE
PROFESSORS
WRITERS AND MAKE A VERY GOOD LIVIN YOU DID UP UNTILL THIS
YEAR FROM
WHAT I UNDER STAND

9.---- YOU SAID ABOUT LEGAL ACTION WELL I,M TORN ABOUT THIS AS
THERE IS
GOING TO BE THOUSANDS OF WOMEN TO COME FORWARD
ABOUT THERE
STILL BORN BABIES WHICH THEYALL WEREN,T THEY WERE
STOLENAND GIVEN TO
MARRIED WOMEN SOLD IS THE RIGHT WORD EVERYBODY MADE
MONEY OUT

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OF THE ADOPTIONS THE WORD RAPID WAS FULL ON .I STILL HERE
A YOUNG

GIRL ON THE 10 APRIL 1973 CRYING ALL NIGHT SAYING THEYSAID
MY BABY WAS DEAD

BUT I HEARD HER CRYING SHE SAID THEY REPEATEDIT WAS A GIRL
AND SHE

WAS STILL BORN NOT THE CASE WAS IT SO I HOPE YOU AND ALLOF
YOUR

PARTY INVOLVED CAN LIVE WITH THIS AND ANSWERTOMY LEGAL
ACTION

THE GOVERMENT WILL ALSO HAVE QUESTIONS TOBE ANSWERED
BY ALL

THE MOTHERS THE HOSPITAL IS OWNED BY THE GOVERMENT

THE POLICE SAID YOU CAN IN MY CASE OBDUCTION OR
KIDNAPPING

IF IT WAS ON THE STREET THATS WHATIT WOULDHAVE BEEN AND
DESTROYING

THE SOCIALWORK RECORDS PROVE THIS WAS ALL ILLEGAL
OTHERWISE THE

DOCUMENTS WOULD BE THERE SO I,M SORRY MAEV I THOUGHT
FINDING

YOU WAS FANTASTIC BUT THE MINUTE YOU SAID HOLD ON THIS IS
MY

PHONE CALL I MADE TO YOU THAT KINDA GAVE ME AN INSIDE TO
WHAT

YOU WERE SAYING IF YOU WANTTO HELP ME PLEASE DO AS
SISTER [REDACTED] DID

AND THAT WAS MAKE ME UP A FILE AS YOU BELIEVE IT ALL
HAPPEND

LEGAL ACTION WILL BE SO HEARTBROKEN FOR THOUSANDS WHO
THINK THEY

HAVE THERE OWN BABIES ONLY TO FIND OUT 47 YEARS LATTER

CATHOLIC FAMILY WELFARE BUREAU

JENNIFER DOREEN STEPHENS, [REDACTED] 48, Yarra Junction, Catholic.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Due to be confined 27.2.64, R.W.H.

Will go to St. Joseph's Home, Broadmeadows. 27.9.63.

Interviewed CFWB 30.8.63.

FATHER - [REDACTED] Catholic.

No contact 13 years separated.

MOTHER - [REDACTED] Catholic, 37.

Mother knows of position, same address. 2 brothers, 3 sisters. 2 storemen. 1 shop assistant. 2nd youngest.

School - St. Mary's, Ascot Vale to 6th grade.

Work - Milk bar assistant.

Health - Rheumatic fever and subsequent mild heart condition.
Mother has wall eye.

Hobbies - Music and baby sitting.

Appearance - 5 ft. 2 ins., light brown hair, blue eyes.

P.F. - 18, Australian. Knows about baby. Still in contact.
Known for two years. Catholic. Storeman. In good health. 5 ft. 10 ins., brown hair.

General - Mother is planning to keep baby. Average intelligence.
Another sister also had baby before marriage.

[REDACTED]

St Joseph's Foundling Hospital - Broadmeadows

1963 - 1964

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MOTHERS

Days counted from 1st April, 19....., to 31st March, 19.....

No.	Name	Admission	Discharge	Days	Rel.	E.M. Page	M.	Death Ref	Where D/ch.
91	Stephens Jennifer	28. 9. 63	18. 10. 63	20	Cath.	16 ^{1/2}		CF	Unrecorded

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Royal Womens Hospital

NAME

Special Labels

Reason

DATE DUE

St Joseph's X

Date	Period of Gestn. (Wks.)	Weight		Urine		Ht. of Fundus	Presn. & Positn.	Relation of Head to Brim	B.P. S. D.	F.H.	H.B.	Symptoms, Findings, Treatment	Week's Return	Initials
		Kg.	G.	Sugar	Prot.									
27 AUG 1963	14	62	600	-	-	NP	-	-	150/80	-	-	Febrile 12.4 85	CL	AB
28 SEP	18	63	800	-	-	18	-	-	160/70	F.M.P.	-		CL	YY
25 NOV	25	65	1000	-	-	30	-	-	100/60	M.F.	-	WB well 10.6 72	CL	AB
16 DEC	30	64	800	-	-	30 Vx R	clear	NF	150/70	-	-	WB 11.7 79	2	R
30 DEC	32	65	600	-	-	32	Vx	not	120/70	M.F.	-	well	2	AB
18 JAN	36	64	400	-	-	34	V1	Fy	110/70	H.	-	well	L	AB
2 FEB	37	65	600	-	-							WB		
11.2.64		65	100									13.7 93		



2 March 2010

Mrs Jennifer Howe

Dear Jennifer,

It was good to meet with you this morning to try to piece together our involvement with you those many years ago.

As we discussed, Centacare's records relating to the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau and its contact with you in August 1963 indicate that the Bureau most likely referred you to St Joseph's Home in Broadmeadows.

As I also explained this morning since you decided to keep your child that would most likely have been the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau's last contact with you.

I also suggested to you that the most productive way for you to build up a clearer picture of what occurred at the time, might be to call a joint meeting of all those organisations that were involved in your case.

If you wish to take that option I repeat my offer of Centacare's assistance in attending the meeting and providing a meeting room if that is required.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Caddy".

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23 February 2010

Mrs Jennifer Howe



Dear Jennifer

I trust you are well. As arranged by Di Beal I can confirm that a meeting has been arranged for you to meet with Fr. Joe Caddy (CEO) and myself at 9.00am on Tuesday 2nd March at the Centacare Catholic Family Services' offices in Footscray. These are at 3 Wingfield Street, Footscray.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Cornish", is written over the typed name.

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Ms Jennifer Howe

Dear Ms Howe

I refer to your letter of 4 January 2010 addressed to the Minister for Health in which you raised issues concerning missing medical records and your experiences with both St Joseph's and the Royal Women's Hospital at the time of your 1963 pregnancy. Your letter indicated that records connected to social workers at Royal Women's Hospital were destroyed and requested that the Minister find out who was responsible for destroying those records.

The Minister has requested that I respond to your letter on his behalf.

The department has made enquiries about records referred to in your allegations, however due to the length of time since those events it has not been possible to determine what notes or other records (other than medical records you have already discussed with the Royal Women's Hospital) were maintained by hospital social workers. Nor has it been possible to determine what might have happened to any records that may have been maintained by social workers.

For these reasons the department is unable to assist with your request, and I do not consider there is anything to be gained by pursuing the issue of missing records any further.

Should you wish to pursue other matters referred to in your letter, as the Minister indicated to you in his letter of 24 December 2009, you should seek your own independent legal advice.

Yours sincerely

Peter Fitzgerald
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