Dear Sir Anthony,

THE HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE INQUIRY AND KINCORA BOYS HOME

Thank you for your letter of 17th November 2014.

In consultation with the Director of Public Prosecutions for England and Wales, I am content to provide an undertaking to the Inquiry in the following form:

This is an undertaking in respect of any person who provides evidence to the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse 1922 to 1995 (the Inquiry), relating to a matter within its terms of reference.

“Evidence” includes oral evidence, any written statement drafted for or made by that person, including any statement made preparatory to giving evidence to the Inquiry, or during the course of his or her testimony to the Inquiry, and any document or information produced solely by that person to the Inquiry.

No evidence a person may give before the Inquiry, as defined above, will be used in evidence against that person in any criminal proceedings or relied upon for the purpose of deciding whether to bring such proceedings against that person.

This undertaking does not apply to any prosecution where the person is charged with giving false evidence in the course of the Inquiry or having conspired or procured others so to do.

It is further undertaken that in any criminal proceedings brought against any person who provides evidence, as defined above, to the Inquiry, no reliance will be placed upon evidence which is obtained during an investigation as a result of the provision by that person of evidence to the Inquiry.
This undertaking does not preclude the use of documents, information and/or evidence identified independently of the evidence provided by that person to the Inquiry.

For the avoidance of doubt, I can confirm that the undertaking covers any allegation of an offence arising under the Official Secrets Acts.

Yours sincerely,

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