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REMARKS:

Urgent xx For your review Reply ASAP Please comment

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Victoria, Queensland, Northern Territory
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Our Ref: 
Your Ref:

17 December, 1997

Mr. Mark Rochford
Barrister-at-Law
FAX: 9608 8686

Dear Mr. Rochford,

RE: PETER REID

Further to discussion between Mr. Rochford and Mr. Punshon on the 16th we enclose copy letter forwarded to Mr. Reid for your record and further action.

Yours faithfully,

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17 December, 1997

Mr. Peter Reid
Melbourne Assessment Centre
Cnr. Spencer & Latrobe Streets
MELBOURNE VIC. 3000

Dear Peter,

RE: POLICE PROCEEDINGS

You would be aware that over the last several weeks we have endeavored to negotiate resolution of your police matters by **Solicitor 1** discussing the matter with the Prosecution as well as by retaining Mr. Roy Punshon of Counsel to negotiate with the DPP.

On Tuesday the 16th of December we were informed by Mr. Punshon that the police had informed the Prosecution that they will only be interested to speak to you and consider proposal as to bail and other matters if you are able to assist police in relation to their enquiries. The only matter that the police have indicated they seek your assistance is any evidence that you may provide the police concerning **Solicitor 1** and his activities.

In light of this it would be in your interest for you to seek and obtain independent advice from another Solicitor and investigate the possibility of your assisting police.

In the past several months Victoria and Federal Police had referred to various persons who are prepared to make arrangements with the police and give evidence against others to Mr. Paul Duggan, Solicitor of the firm of Phillips Fox of 120 Collins Street, Melbourne, Phone No. 9274 5000.

May we suggest that you telephone Mr. Duggan and ask him to see you. You may then ask him to assist you and if police are prepared, with the assistance of Mr. Duggan, to negotiate a plea with you on certain conditions including your giving evidence against such person (including **Solicitor 1**) that you may be advised.

Solicitor 1

We propose to forward copy of this letter to Mr. Duggan so that he may contact you directly and speak to you.

You will appreciate that it will be improper for the writer to continue to act for you when to do so may be counterproductive to your best interests.

If on the other hand after discussion with Mr. Duggan and the police it becomes apparent that you are not able to assist police then [Solicitor 1] is prepared to continue to act for you provided that there is no possibility of any potential conflict between your interest and [Solicitor 1] acting on your behalf.

Yours faithfully,

Solicitor 1

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P.S. Other than professionally [Solicitor 1] has no connection with Mr. Duggan and Mr. Duggan had been selected because of his experience in acting for a number of persons who have resolved to give evidence for the Crown.

If you on the other hand wish to contact any other Solicitor with the same object in mind then you certainly may do so and our suggestion of Mr. Duggan's name should not necessarily be regarded as a recommendation or direction.

**Solicitor 1****Barrister & Solicitor**Victoria, Queensland, Northern Territory
and Barrister New South WalesOur Ref:
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17 December, 1997

Mr. Paul Duggan
Phillips Fox
Solicitors
120 Collins Street
MELBOURNE VIC. 3000

FAX: 9274 5111

Dear Paul,

RE: PETER REID

During discussion between Mark Rochford representing the DPP and Roy Punshon, the Prosecution indicated that they are prepared to "speak" to Peter Reid a Defendant at Melbourne Assessment Centre provided that the Defendant is able to assist the police in their enquiries they are undertaking in relation to **Solicitor 1** activities.

In the circumstances **Solicitor 1** is not able to continue to act for Mr. Reid until this matter is clarified one way or the other.

Would you be good enough (if appropriate arrangements could be made between you and your new client) to see Mr. Reid and assist him in preparing a statement after you have had opportunity to speak to Mark Rochford and obtain some indication as to what matters or things the police may be interested in. You may then negotiate any matters with the Prosecution.

Yours faithfully,

Solicitor 1

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