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Notes of Investigating Committee

1.6.89:

(Ron De Rooy – Chairman; K. Bowditch; D. Ali)

Meeting with [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Due to marriage problems, [REDACTED] sleep separately
 for 2 months and about 1 May 89, [REDACTED] discusses
 leaving [REDACTED], who feels he is failure in providing for household.

(Many years ago, both had committed fornication).

- Plan is formulated between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
 first that, since [REDACTED] marriage has broken down and
 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] similar, that [REDACTED] should consider [REDACTED]
 as marriage partner – and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] could
 do same (once free).

[REDACTED] feels that, ignorance in knowing that resuming
 sexual relations sufficient to divorce, free himself and
 [REDACTED] to consider new mates.

- [REDACTED] considers this a good idea _ tells [REDACTED] that
 [REDACTED] has liked him etc.
- All plan to leave Mareeba, start fresh elsewhere.

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perhaps Mackay or Brisbane!

Incest of [BCH] to [BCG] is now exposed – [BCJ] phones [BCH] wants him to approach elders. [BCH] denies.

(In meantime, [BCG] and [BCJ] approach Dino about this problem).

On 1.6.89 (meeting at K.H.) meeting already set up to meet with all concerned. Events develop where [BCH] tells [REDACTED] of him not attending. All meet [REDACTED] [BCH] at C.E.S that day; [REDACTED] visits Dino to confirm meeting to go ahead, goes back to [BCH] and [REDACTED] then all three drove back to [REDACTED] caravan – [BCH] and [REDACTED] drive off together from there, all day and comes home late.

Have a get together for tea – includes [BCH] [BCK] [REDACTED] where they pair off – [BCH] and [REDACTED] leave soon and [REDACTED] [BCK] hold hands

About middle of May '89; [BCH] comes with divorce papers to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] to help fill out.

- Later, [REDACTED] lies down leaving [BCH] and [REDACTED] alone.

[REDACTED] sees [BCH] and [REDACTED] kissing, hugging, whispering about intimate things e.g. where to kiss after [married?].

([REDACTED] doesn't think anything wrong of above actions).

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REDACTED and BCK desperate to get married – have discussed prospect although REDACTED not proposed. He plans to go to Brisbane to finalise parting, earn money while REDACTED goes to Mackay to live.

Seems BCK intends to help them move.

NOTE: Unbelievable of level of immaturity of all part. REDACTED yet REDACTED has been honest, straight forward with evidence.

Seems BCK and REDACTED have spent time together in van with REDACTED in back asleep. BCK invited to go with REDACTED to Mackay.

With REDACTED

Denies any serious involvement. Has spent time with BCK but always with others. Trying to support BCK she claims!

(Also mentions failure of her marriage and intention to separate).

Helped fill divorce papers for BCK of marrying BCK herself = possible but not definite; only idea!

- About 2 weeks ago, REDACTED and BCK discussed marriage plans to each other.
- Admits that her and BCK drove off alone together to Cairns and back (1.6.89) to discuss accusations

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against [BCH]

Asked of any intimacy with [BCH] - denies it.

(At the time, [BCH] walks in with chips and coffee for [REDACTED] only).

Of BBQ on Sat night last?

- [BCH] and [REDACTED] were in van alone with [REDACTED] - sick and [REDACTED] asleep inside.

Shortly, [BCH] and [REDACTED] leave.

[BCG] and [BCI] - molesting! 4 – 5 times.

- [BCJ] knows; perhaps too [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[BCG] very shaken and upset, therefore, during [BCI] holiday to expo [BCH] fondles [BCG] and this happens several times after and during which [BCG] claims she runs to [REDACTED] home where [BCJ] [REDACTED] are living, to expose [BCH] [BCH] also looks through shower window when [BCG] taking bath, sees him and tells him to go; "stop perving" (???)

[BCG] has tried to talk to [REDACTED] only talks of her anger to her dad – counsel = respect father.

- [BCI] that [BCH] has gone to [REDACTED] [with?] story of V.D = fornication of [BCI]

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[REDACTED] tells [REDACTED] tells [BCI]

[BCH] filing for divorce on this basis – [BCH] awaits medical results).

- Says [BCH] has abused 2 younger children, possibly - [BCK] too at age 2.

¹ [REDACTED] –The Queen v [BCH] Transcript of Proceedings, 20 May 2003 (Day 2) – Dino Ali, examination in chief on voir dire (**Day 2 Transcript**), Page 76, Line 22.

² Spelt [REDACTED] in Day 2 Transcript, Page 76, Line 22.

³ Gavin Belcher – he was an elder in the congregation at that time, Day 2 Transcript, Page 76, Lines 33-34.

5.

BCK (by herself)

- Tells of problems at home, of REDACTED as secretary and her mum's jealousy and BCI abuse of BCK with punching and episode with knife.

On attachments of BCK and REDACTED – admits it came and was discussed by BCK REDACTED and BCK

- Says REDACTED have grounds for divorce
- Says plans between self and REDACTED

On abuse of BCG – didn't know really but that BCK explained it as BCG wanting to learn.

On abuse to BCK

Yes, at age 3 (remembers vividly).

Also mentions that REDACTED appears to know of BCG abuse!

BCK BCG BCI

When faced and hears accusations; denies all.

- Says all part of parental training and yes kissed on mouth and hugged tightly but that's all!

That BCG asked questions about subject.

- On looking into shower: - walking past perhaps? and remembers BCI was home.
- Chasing BCG to REDACTED - playing with bucket of water!
- Breaking down bath door? – hurry to bathe as glasses may have been in there (despite nakedness of BCG)

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BCH also stated that IF any “improper acts”

- BCG looking for the opportunities!

About BCM and BCL

- Father bathes children, wipes backsides etc i.e. normal parenthood responsibilities

BCH (-about REDACTED)

- Denies firmly any involvement. Good friends only.
- Maintains problems in own marriage and BCI subjections.
- Said about REDACTED and marriage that anything is possible but not really considering it. Only discussed plans with REDACTED and self and then only during trucking for Atherton assembly.
- Denies any kissing, hugging.

BCH maintains own conduct above reproach due to physical abuse/ headship not respected / BCI low spirituality.

NB → Told by Committee of dangers and standing to cong.

[End of Meeting] Pt: (BCK and REDACTED sitting very close together – cuddling?

Pt: all go to REDACTED place, pick up children, and as we hear later, proves to be an eventful evening with REDACTED staying at REDACTED until about 7:00am and with BCK while BCH and REDACTED drove off in car for several hours on their own, BCH returning about 5:00am alone, claimed to have taken REDACTED home.

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BCK [REDACTED] later individually tell of same events and all quite accurately. It seems that BCK and REDACTED are at tennis courts when police pull up to investigate.

Later when REDACTED encourages BCK to talk to elders, he feels there is no need since he can speak to any sis whenever!

REDACTED not happy with all these happenings under her roof and finds out involvement too with REDACTED and BCK [REDACTED]

Next day, REDACTED leaves home and kids to REDACTED to disappear for couple of days to sort herself out, she says to a telephone call to Dino.

That night, Ron and Dino go to REDACTED to consider scriptural principles of his actions, being married and talk on material from WT 80 Aug 1, P.30,31 and WT 81 Mar 1 P31, upon which he gets very emotional, hearing of Jehovah's attitude to such circumstances. He seems to comply and we encourage reconciliation and help for the marriage. We indicate a meet with both of them might be appropriate.

[While there BCK calls in and asks after REDACTED who is not home].

Note too that REDACTED had called Kevin for bros involved to come out there so he can bring up to date on events at REDACTED

Same night, we visit BCK for some talk on WT articles

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Commendably, she responds honestly of the involvement with [REDACTED] and [BCH] with [REDACTED]. Also speaks of [BCH] insisting her relationship with [REDACTED] is good. Again we recommend caution in involvement and although visibly upset, appreciates information and notes how different it is from her Dad's.

- She does not like what her dad is doing with [REDACTED] and commendably, when pulled up before [REDACTED] by [BCH] to deny charge of molestation to [BCK] she insisted on the truth despite [BCH] efforts to the contrary.

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On a later phone call to Dino (and subsequently after discussion with her sister [BCG] who recommended she report it to the elders concerned). [BCK] admits to [BCH] and [REDACTED] having kissed on several occasions, once on cheek and another time on mouth. She did not witness this personally but that [BCH] had told her that during conversation that he had never really felt like this with a woman (meaning [REDACTED])

[BCK] readily admitted also that she had done some with [REDACTED] and that when [BCH] heard, said that was alright.

3.6.89: Go to see [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

They see no future for their marriage. Given up all hope.

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Yet discussion revealed serious problem – sexual perversion.

As to the exact nature we were not explicitly told but it was serious enough that REDACTED broke down emotionally.

We continued to show from scriptures the scriptural position of the marriage and the need for BOTH to work on role of husband/wife. However, the sexual perversion seemed only one of a number of problems involved.

More encouragement is needed here with very frank discussions. REDACTED still seemed determined to separate, even for a little while.

- Advised also that of need to be conscious of contact with BCH

31st May – met as judicial committee with BCH and REDACTED separately and together).

- REDACTED admitted kissing had occurred between herself and BCH Comments otherwise were same as at other meetings.
- BCH on other hand, denied any wrong associations despite counsel to quit association with REDACTED Maintained a hard attitude and continued to reiterate innocence.

Despite shown articles from W.T., he felt justified in his course, presenting a letter of notification of divorce and reasons for it.

Commented on elders in Cairns had been consulted and agreed with him.

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[Even?] when [REDACTED] asked if [BCH] could continue studying with her children and was asked not to go ahead with that but do it herself. [BCH] expressed some opposition to it.

We felt that to counsel [BCH] on his actions before [REDACTED] about their personal contact and [unclear] may impress on [mind & heart?] of seriousness once again of principle of conscience of bros and sis and Jehovah's view on "courting".

12.6.89: with [BCK] again, further impressed [unclear] to break any contact with [REDACTED]. We felt there was strong feeling when she wept over counsel. She asked if future held any possibility with [REDACTED] after "divorce".

We again reinforced suggestion strongly not to consider it but break contact, advising that even if [REDACTED] may make further contact, she should stop it at once [unclear] employing us to approach [REDACTED] to quit.

- Met also with [REDACTED] today.

Informed us [BCH] had told them of his intention of

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leaving family and over fornication on [BCI] part.

Mentioned [Mt Isa?] as event on which to proceed on divorce.

- [BCH] has asked Mt Isa hospital for any records of V.D. on his part and perhaps on [BCI] too – for both would have had to be treated; if this was really the case!

Attitude of [BCH] was very clam, deliberate as if all planned according to [REDACTED]

Definitely had told [REDACTED] of having VD!!

- ([unclear] being [BCI] therefore, [BCI] had fornicated)

Seems this event and perhaps another one has happened before [BCI] in truth.

NOTE: [REDACTED] had attempted to get [REDACTED] against [BCH]

On Tues last (5.6.89) had mentioned in book study to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had left Mareeba and “that it was the best thing” etc. (in a loud manner, according to [REDACTED] – also a comment from [REDACTED] that if anyone wished to discuss the subject (and take [BCH]’s side) she would “tear them to pieces”.

17.6.89

- Met with [BCI] and [BCG]

Counsel given on confiding matters of family to cong. members – used articles and scriptures.

Counsel given to ^{BCG} also of same matters using above articles.

- Also on attitude to mother; encouragement also given for her honesty and in seeking help (1 Tim 5:4)

Counsel given to ^{BCI} on her part as subjection to ^{BCH} could have helped cause separation and consequent matters. Used article and scriptures of her responsibility – encouragement to help family.

Interesting that both mentioned ^{BCK} as admitting to another “attempt” of molesting by ^{BCH} when going to school at later age (primary?) Need to check statement.

Quest: Should one be studying with younger children – even for short time until thing settle?

^{BCH} took ^{BCK} hand to place it on his private parts.

– she pulled hand away and refused to speak with him for some time.

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28.6.89 – Met as committee with North Cns elders to discuss [BCH] and [REDACTED] and involvement and comments about [REDACTED] and his comments to [BCH] about Alan.

(Seems [BCH] was gaining (?) support for his actions).

[unclear] disfellowshipping and [unclear] due to wrongful action on elders part in this matter.

After discussing with us about the goings-on, elders left to meet with [BCH] and possibly phone us to be witnesses. Not called in – elders counselled [BCH] on his conduct with [REDACTED] – using same articles as we had.

Met on 10.7.89 to discuss disfellowshipping on [BCH] through charges of “LOOSE CONDUCT” and “Lying”.

Appointment made with [REDACTED] and [BCH] – who were in Mackay – over phone (and we spoke to both of them) for appointment to meet on 12.7.89, 7.30pm at Kingdom Hall. Both accepted and determined to be there.

Our discussion as Judicial Committee also involved removal of privileges for [REDACTED] and [BCK] over their previous conduct though they have complied with counsel given since. To be invited to meeting = [REDACTED] [BCK] [lock?], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [BCI] as witnesses to charges made.

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REDACTED –

Most upset with BCH

1. Domination of REDACTED
2. Running around with wife, REDACTED

Questions in certain matters:

Eg: time of plot (6.5.89) visited BC in Cns:

On trip from Mackay to Mt Isa tonight – carried on together from time in [Lemonts?]; kids told REDACTED BCH REDACTED smooching etc.

- REDACTED raided bank, cleared out of \$50.
- of arrangement, one most spiritual to get caravan, kids.

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NB: REDACTED [instituted?] separation etc in [Mt Isa?]

Initially.

- Couple days later visited BCH
- (- occasions BCH REDACTED spent alone (NOTES [AT FRONT?])).
- On beach 6.5.89 BCH REDACTED = BCH REDACTED held hands spoke confidentially of family problems.
- Later BC E A held hands, arms over shoulders walking together along beach, while REDACTED waits.
- Arrangement from previous nite and day on beach to form alliances BCH idea to team REDACTED with BCK For she likes REDACTED
- Says “why don’t you get to know BC K better” and urged/suggested REDACTED to seriously think.

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REDACTED on nite in caravan BCH REDACTED hugging and REDACTED reclining against BCH kissing and discussing where to kiss etc.

When married REDACTED discusses to REDACTED next morning on immoral way REDACTED apologises that REDACTED saw it. Approaches BCH and expresses disgust at scene.

On other occasions of kissing etc REDACTED admits to REDACTED when he comes from Brisbane and asks her, have been [unclear?]

On trip here, kids say BCH REDACTED arm around neck of BCH

[- Note BCH has lied to us about NOT TOUCHING REDACTED in any way immorally]

BCH uses [unclear] W.T.
(W 74 671, 672 QFR - using articles on divorce when speaking to us)

Supposedly shown elders in CNS to shut them up.

REDACTED

- Check if BCH REDACTED in same van?
- Ask REDACTED what occasions kissed etc with BCH

REDACTED (use script Heb 13:17,18)

- BCH sits behind us and REDACTED
- so as not to influence REDACTED

How coping? Not sure which way to go – confused.

Romantic notions between BCH REDACTED in future perhaps.

Occasions of kissing, holding hands? – holding hands but not in public.

Kissing? Goodnight kiss every night

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Believes Dad: REDACTED script free but not legally.

Discussed W68 P255 and AID book (divorce) to clarify position.

Again asked how often kissing? At least twice!

In tropical van park - BCH in tent REDACTED in van.

REDACTED Heb 13:17:

Asked of occasions where kissed/cuddled?

- Several occasions but not passionately
- Kissed yes and on mouth
- Yes in caravan and discussed with BCH about intimacys to be after marriage!
- We've become closer but not physically.

On why ignored our counsel? - needed time!

- Read WT 74 P671 REDACTED marriage dissolved due to not forgiving.
- Didn't keep counsel in mind
- (Reads W1968 on dating) + 1974 P671

Stressed seriousness of being together even at work.

"work + coupled with kissing and cuddling etc =
loose conduct

- Seemed shocked.

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BCH - told of charges "Loose conduct + lying"

Asked on our counsel? – could not remember much.

Also said clearly CNS⁴ elders are wrong, inaccurate in what they told BCH at their meeting with him – "browbeaten", "threatened".

Been together? – maybe! / on several occasions (as REDACTED said).

Dating? No (eventually admitted grudgingly)

Kissing, embracing? – yes, in caravan, again grudgingly admitted. Felt bad BCI was there - would do it without REDACTED

Didn't think it was really wrong!

Discussed marriage recently on a few occasions.

Lying! – On V.D. and fornication on BCI part; had mentioned to REDACTED

No; BCI has not admitted to another act.

Call in REDACTED tells BCI he tells her about V.D. and BCI

BCH has admitted to all things and also said that whatever BCG had said on molesting was true

discuss REDACTED and BCI

⁴ Cairns – Day 2 Transcript, Page 81, Line 23.

⁵ REDACTED are friends of the REDACTED family – Day 2 Transcript, Page 82, Line 22.

Cns Bros: Case prior to truth [unclear] now comes to light because [BCI] supposedly admitted to him!

[BCH] - about [BCI] that [BCH] asked [BCI] about acts of adultery of which one can count on one hand, she supposedly admitted.

In early March, other acts came to light – then separated.

When came home, [BCI] admitted fornication before marriage (Jan 15 1980)

Yet during our meeting, denied any admission on [BCI] part.

Ron explains to [BCH] on seriousness of [courting?] and loose conduct WT18 P255.

Tell [BCH] of decision to disfellowship! on GROUNDS OF “LOOSE CONDUCT” and procedure to take for reinstatement.

REDACTED shown Gal. 5:19 – again as above.

Not disfellowshipped yet.

Told not to have ANY CONTACT WITH [BCH] AT ALL

19.7.89 = [BCH] APPEALS, fax to Kevin.

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19.7.89:

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To discuss with REDACTED on decision to public reprove.

- along with restrictions such as commenting at meetings and participating in demos/parts.
- also encouragement to work on marriage.

1 Tim 5:20 = pt to REDACTED of script. procedure of reproof
REDACTED understands procedure)

Heb 12:11 = discipline = limits/restrictions placed.

Noted too that in body in another cong.
 will note advancement made by REDACTED
 to restore privileges in time.

Encouraged to cont. meetings and preaching
 And elders apply study program by
 mature person to help progress.

Discussion with REDACTED

About BCK on any personal contact?

- Appears to have broken contact.
- (Pt on REDACTED — appears REDACTED brys into business by ringing REDACTED at least twice).

Ron explains reason of being misled due to spiritually low! — REDACTED understood.

We show REDACTED W68 P255 on QFR on not being free and dating not approved.

REDACTED comments has no present intention to apply for divorce.
but see on developments with REDACTED

Due to positive response to counsel given in previous discussions with Judicial Committee REDACTED has restrictions placed re: no commenting, prayer, parts or privileges with meetings, pioneering etc for time until progress made to extent restrictions lifted/removed – cont. witnessing etc.

On above shown Heb 12:11 = discipline.

REDACTED – encourage to maintain marriage relationship (WT 74 P511-12.)

- We emphasise P512 (actually read and explain scriptural viewpoint on last 3 paragraphs).
- Consider seriously Jah's standard together, separately/privately + seek help of elders – here or in CNS.
- Told both of restrictions on each other being husband and wife out of consideration for each other.

BCK

Discipline on dating WT68 P255

- shown incorrectness of dating with above WT to again establish counsel previously given.
- James 5:14,15 = spiritually low person needing attention to progress spiritually.

Therefore, program instituted to help e.g. STUDY with spiritual sister.

- Informed of restrictions = comments at all meetings and parts or demos.

encouraged to attend and prepare for all meetings and field service.

Personal
observation

(Reluctance about returning home, due to family problems could be slightly "jealous" (?) of BCG and BCJ future marriage. Too, freedom enjoyed in these 2 months to be curtailed perhaps by her mum).

Worried about announcement from platform – assured no!

BCG

To counsel ^{BC}_G on talking too much to many others (including writing letters to friends about situation.)

1 Tim 5:13 applies – even of talking of family matters to ^{BCJ} unloving to other members.

(-letter written to Mackay prior to counsel given)
about gossiping!

Therefore, demo's response since talked to and cautioned.

- ^{BCI} has talked to ^{REDACTED}_D about ^{BCG} being molested; seems ^{REDACTED}_{ED} has asked leading quests about ^{BCG} feelings on it, discussing topics she has no right to.

BCI

On Gossip: 1 Thess 5:13

(I disagree) ?? WT 81 1 Sept P.20

→ slander → serious enough – disfellowshipped.

^{BCI} denies talking to ^{REDACTED}_{ED} (as ^{BCG} stated) about molesting!!

Rom 15:2 = speak upbuildingly, therefore, not gossip.

17.

BCI mentions BCG and BCJ been together very often, holding hands, walking up street during tobacco festival as such, but spending huge amounts of time at home together. BCI has restricted this to about 2 or 3 times/week.

BCH has told BCI she's not his wife!!

CLOSE!