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To: Body of Elders Mareeba Congregation
 Judicial Committee,
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 P.O.Box 387 Mareeba,
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Dear Brothers

We as members of the committee who were hearing the appeal for reinstatement by BCH would like to give you an up to date picture. as we see matters thus far. We find it necessary to do this due to the fact that BCH has now moved to St.George congregation. Queensland West.

In our last meeting with BCH before he left for St. George, we were right at the point of recommending to you Brothers that we felt he was now ready for reinstatement, due to his showing, outwardly, all the correct manifestations of repentance, along with a very strong desire to be part of Jehovah's people again.

We did however, have just one matter that we wanted to follow up with you brothers, before we would make the recommendation to you for his reinstatement. The matter we wanted to clarify, you replied to in your letter dated 3rd February 1992. Thank you.

From your reply it appears that BCH is still continuing to be untruthful in that he is still withholding information, and he still appears to be understating wherever possible the gravity of the wrongs for which he was disfellowshipped. Therefore, we have still got reservations about recommending his reinstatement.

The society has advised that it is not our responsibility to extract a point by point confession from BCH. Our reservations are not based solely on his withholding information to us alone. A call from an elder in St.George reveals he is still not letting them know all the all they need to know. It appears he denies the porneia by saying he has never actually had intercourse outside of his marriage. We were under the impression after our last meeting with BCH that he was facing up to his wrongdoings and was able to display genuine repentance for them. However by his denial or withholding information from the brothers in St. George we can't help but feel his repentance is not genuine. How can a person be truly repentant for a sin they claimed never happened ie. Porneia.

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We feel he is still holding to a pattern of deceit in the amount of information he has revealed to the brothers in St. George.

We know you brothers in Mareeba are fully aware of the pattern of deceit that we speak of, but for the benefit of the brothers in St. George, who will also receive a copy of this letter we would like to give a synopsis of this pattern as follows:

1. Upon his arrival, in his first appeal he stated the grounds for his disfellowshipping were 'Going against theocratic order' only.

As a result of discussions with Brother Jim Bennett, who made a special point of seeing us whilst he was in Brisbane, and as you know served on the committee that heard BCH appeal against his disfellowshipping, we discovered there were more grounds for his disfellowshipping that he did not disclose to us. As follows:

1. Loose conduct --- With Sis REDACTED of which to us he subsequently denied until we were able to substantiate.

2. Lying --- To original committee and Appeal committee of which he feels he was cajoled into in order to appease the committees so they would be more lenient. i.e. 'tell them what they want to hear so they will be happy.'

3. Pornia --- With his daughters, to which he has vehemently denied, until recently when he conceded he interfered with one of them on a couple of occasions. Nevertheless he still claims that he has only interfered with one of them, whereas your recent letter states clearly that both of his daughters were sexually molested and that BCH admitted it in your hearings with him.

With all of the above information, while we are not trying to 'rake over old coals' as it were but we are concerned about the way he still seems to be holding to a pattern of lying.

To add to this, throughout the duration of his stay in our area, we have had to counsel him several times regarding his communication with brothers and sisters in the congregations in the Brisbane area. Especially with Sister REDACTED the person with whom he originally schemed to remarry after they had both dismissed their existing partners. On each occasion we counseled him for communicating with her, he would deny the allegation until we had to substantiate it with evidence or witnesses.

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We were hoping just recently that his pattern of deceit had ceased and that he was coming to terms with the need to speak the truth at all times. But sadly, we now have reservations. There are a few other reasons for our reservations also, and if you so desire, we can forward these on to you. Our grave concern is reproach that would come upon Jehovah's name in your area if immediately upon his reinstatement he were to marry **REDACTED**. As you are no doubt aware, they have both subsequently obtained divorces from their respective marriage mates, both it appears on very tenuous or technical grounds, thus making a mockery of Jehovah's arrangement for marriage.

If you are able to inform the Brothers in St George on any further matters in this regard, I'm sure they would be most grateful, as they hear further requests from **BCH** for reinstatement. We do have a file that has been compiled on the whole matter as far as we are concerned that we can hand over to either yourselves or the brothers in St. George if you so require.

As we hand the matter over to You Brothers, our prayer is that Jehovah's spirit be ever present to guide you through difficult matters such as these. We pray that the final result will be a shout of praise to Jehovah's name in your area and a suitable answer will be provided to the one taunting him.

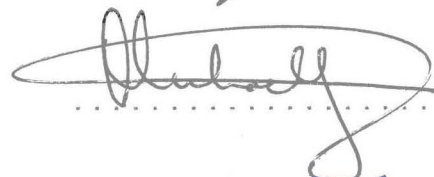
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Your Brothers,

Committee Members

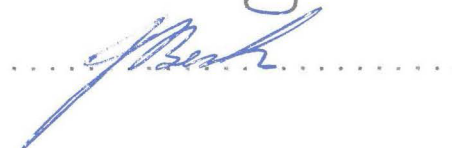
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