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FILE NOTE

**Telephone conversation with Lynley Hood – Author**

Yesterday morning I spoke briefly with Lynley Hood about Bede Cooper's brief of evidence, prepared for Employment Court proceedings relating to former Christchurch Civic Creche employees. This morning I spoke to her at greater length.

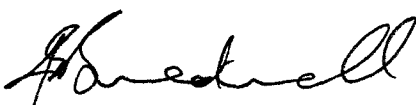
The purpose of the conversation was, she said, to find out details of what happened on 7 March 1995 when Bede Cooper faxed a copy of a brief, prepared by Buddle Findlay to me for advice.

I told her what I could recall of the events of that day, with the proviso that it was a while ago and I did not have any file notes giving details of the sequence of events.

In summary, I said that I received a fax from Bede Cooper on 7 March 1995.

- That it was the first I knew about the case and in accordance with usual procedure I advised him that, since the Crown was not a party, he should be subpoenaed to give the evidence.
- That some time after considering the fax I met Crown Counsel (Neil McAteer) and asked him to come and see me to give me some advice about the brief. Crown Law Office share the same building and I recall that I met Neil when I was coming back from lunch.
- That in the early afternoon of that day Neil and I rang Bede Cooper who I think was in Greymouth (at Grey Main School) to discuss the brief, and changes were made as a result of discussions.
- That sometime that day I also spoke to Michael Deaker about the brief, and about approaches Buddle Findlay had made to him.
- That the brief was retyped upstairs in Crown Law, and later that day (although I can't recall what time) faxed to Bede at the Ministry's Christchurch office.
- She told me that she was interviewing Tom Weston of Buddle Findlay this week. I told her that I only very recently heard about Buddle and Findlay's concerns.

She said she might contact me again and I said she was welcome to do so.

  
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