

## FAX MESSAGE

FROM Rt Hon Sir Thomas Eichelbaum

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TO The Registrar, High Court, CHRISTCHURCH

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Dear Registrar

**COPY FOR**

**Ministerial Inquiry into the Peter Ellis case**

**MR MICHAEL PETHERICK**

As you will know I have been appointed to inquire into aspects of the Ellis case. In terms of the recently enacted *Evidence (Videotaping of Child Complainants) Amendment Regulations 2000* (SR 2000/71) I am an "authorised advisor".

Under Regulation 13A I write to request 3 copies of each of the Master tapes of interviews with child complainants who gave evidence at the High Court trial.

Under Regulation 13C I also request 3 copies of each of the transcripts of those videotapes. Would you mind asking those making the copies to ensure that all pages are legible, the page numbers are shown, and each page is complete, i.e. no text cut off at the top, bottom or sides.

I am aware of the considerable bulk of the material involved. When it is ready would you mind contacting Mr Michael Petherick, Ministry of Justice Head Office (04/494 9795) as to the best way to get the materials to me.

The tapes and transcripts are required for reference to experts. The timetable calls for me to despatch the materials by 16 June, i.e. they should be in my hands by that date. Would you please let me know if you anticipate any difficulty about meeting that date.

With thanks

Yours sincerely

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