

**FAX MESSAGE****FROM** Rt Hon Sir Thomas Eichelbaum**DATE** 5/7/2000**PAGES** (including this page) 6**TO** Mr Michael Petherick, Office of Legal Counsel, Ministry of Justice, Wellington**FAX** 04 494 9839**MINISTERIAL INQUIRY - ELLIS CASE**

Attached for your & Ms Sim's consideration, is a fax received from Mrs Ablett Kerr.

I have included the first attachment, Professor Ceci's letter to TVNZ. The other attachment was a 12 page transcript of Professor Ceci's interview on the "Assignment" programme, which you may already have seen. In it, Professor Ceci expressed in expanded form the views stated in the letter.

The problem I see with the Professor is that he has already stated his position on the main issues which I am to investigate, and on which I have to obtain the views of overseas experts. Appointing him to advise would seem unfair to the other parties, and would detract from the credibility of my own report.



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