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F.A.O: ABIGAIL SCHOLEFIELD

Dear Mr. Smith

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email of 18 September 2017.

I attach a copy of a letter I sent to Baroness Butler-Sloss dated 26 May 2011. This speaks for itself. The priest referred to in the third paragraph of page one died a number of years ago.

I remain appalled that to this day neither the Baroness, nor any of the three Bishops then in office to whom the letter was copied, have had the courtesy to respond to my correspondence.

Since 2007 (then at 40 years of age) I have been retired on health grounds. My health is not good, and I request that you trouble me no further with this matter which causes me upset and distress. I trust this wish will be respected.

The writer confirms that the contents of this email, and the attached letter to Baroness Butler-Sloss dated 26 May 2011, are true.

Yours sincerely

Reverend Duncan Lloyd-James

I confirm that the contents of this email and attached letter are true.

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Please see attached letter, together with enclosures. Please acknowledge receipt.

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26 May 2011

Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss
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Dear Baroness Butler-Sloss

Re: Report of 19 May 2011 into child abuse in Chichester Diocese

Thank you for your recent report on the above. It has been most interesting to read.

Roy Cotton was my predecessor as Rector of Brede with Udimore, with my collation and induction on 7 September 1999; I retired on ill health grounds ([redacted] Irrelevant) in September 2007. Prior to taking up the position, I was interviewed by Eric Kemp and Wallace Benn, but neither mentioned any of the concerns regarding Roy Cotton. As time went by in the benefice, I realised untoward things had occurred. Adult male servers had been "sacked" by Roy Cotton in favour of young boys, and Cotton had taken male juveniles to France on holiday, alone and using a mini bus. As your report says, there was an almost total absence of young people in church at Brede, and despite considerable efforts on my part, I could attract none (in Udimore, my similar efforts brought about a good church attendance across all age groups). No matter what the Rector and others did at Brede, congregations dwindled.

At some stage I was contacted by a local serving parish priest, now retired, who asked me to go and see him. This priest put me, in confidence, in the picture about Cotton. He had visited Cotton several times at his Rectory in Cackle Street, Brede, and when using the downstairs lavatory, there were pictures of young boys all over the walls. In this letter, I will not name that priest, but according to the 2010/11 edition of Crockfords he is still alive and I will reveal his name to you alone if you so wish.

I confirm the contents of this are true.

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I feel disappointed that despite police involvement with Cotton in 1997, the two Bishops and the then Archdeacon Nicholas Reade had told me nothing about the background. This was despite Bishop Benn believing Cotton to be a villain (page 5 of report). It was only as the years went by I came to be aware that Cotton's conduct was casting a shadow on my parochial work longer after Cotton himself was dead.

My main point in writing is this. Your report strongly implies that after retirement, Cotton was ill and moved to a nursing home (page 6). Indeed, page 8 states:-

"A further reason relied upon by WB not to be concerned about the granting of the PTO was the continued ill health of RC and his lack of contact with children. The purpose of the PTO was, according to WB and supported by NR, to permit him to celebrate communion in the nursing home where he was then living."

Page 9 states:-

"Between May 1999 and September 2006, there is no evidence that RC officiated anywhere other than in the nursing home where he lived at one stage of his retirement."

Page 7 states that:-

"PTO.....was issued by WB on 17th May 1999."

I can confirm that the above quotations contain fundamental errors. RC did not retire to a nursing home. He retired to a bungalow, [DPA] in [DPA]. The 2002/03 and 2004/05 (the latter published in December 2003) editions of Crockfords gives this as his address. This was the parish where Colin Pritchard was then incumbent. RC officiated on occasions at Sedlescombe, with children present, and he also officiated on occasions at Brede and Udimore with my permission. Had I known of the concerns surrounding him, I most certainly would not have given this consent.

Thus the whole idea that he was only given the PTO in May 1999 because he was a sick man confined to ministering in a nursing home is wholly inconsistent with the facts. He was not even in a nursing home at the time, and although not a well man was well enough to take occasional services in churches roundabout, and with children present.

It is a pity that I was not alerted by the senior clergy (despite my having several interviews with them in 1999) about the problems with my predecessor at Brede with Udimore.

One further point, although this is only my opinion. When WB and NR became aware in 1997 of the police charges, reference should have been made to the Blue Book at Chichester through EC, and further action taken.

I confirm the contents of this are true.

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The matter was discussed in the senior staff meeting in January 1998 (page 6), and surely it would have occurred to all present that the Blue Book should be checked immediately.

If I can be of any assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With many thanks and kind regards

Yours sincerely

Reverend Duncan Lloyd-James, B.Th (Oxon)

cc.

Bishop of Chichester
Bishop of Lewes
His Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury

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