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Thursday 24th April

Dear Sir,

Complaint regarding events at Queen Victoria School 1989-1992

With reference to your letter of 6th March^{*1} I would accept your offer that I make known to you my concerns regarding matters relating to the Queen Victoria School.

I am aware that you are, by virtue of your office a Commissioner of the school, and though you were not a Commissioner at the time of the alleged matters of concern you are in a position to instigate an investigation into past matters. This may be necessary, as I have found a lack of willingness on the part of the current President of the Commissioners, the Past President, and most Commissioners of the school during the period 1998-1992 to treat seriously allegations that have been made to me by an ex-housemaster at QVS.

Circumstances leading to my investigation of the ex-housemaster's complaint.

In February 2003 as a petitioner to the Scottish Parliament I was asked by the Justice 2 Committee to provide evidence of specific instances where a Judges/Sheriffs membership of the Freemasons had caused problems. As I am not alone in Scotland in perceiving the Dunblane Inquiry as a case where Masonic membership had played a part, both in the events leading up to the Inquiry and during the Inquiry-I cited this as a case in point.

Many newspaper stories and Internet articles have dealt with the supposed Masonic influence of Thomas Hamilton having allowed him to obtain licences for firearms against police advice. Another theory commonly broadcast is that Hamilton's connections to prominent figures in public life had allowed him access to Queen Victoria School Dunblane and that these facts had been instrumental in Lord Cullen (a Mason) imposing an illegal 100-year ban on documents relating to Hamilton's activities prior to the shootings^{*2}. I decided to research these assertions.

I contacted an ex-housemaster at QVS who was reported to have made numerous complaints about bullying and abuse of pupils at QVS between 1989 and 1992. A website carried a letter from the ex-housemaster which alleged that one regular and apparently influential visitor to the school between 1989 and 1992 was Thomas Hamilton the Dunblane killer. The ex-housemaster confirmed this fact in a telephone conversation^{*3} and also claimed that the MOD (HM Commissioners), Scottish Office, Procurator Fiscal, and Stirling Council would not act on his complaints. The ex-housemaster also believed that Freemasonry had been a factor in the unreported abuse of pupils at QVS and also had adversely influenced the investigation of his complaints.

I have been able to independently corroborate 3 of the 4 main allegations made by the housemaster, namely that:

1/ Thomas Hamilton was a frequent, and influential visitor to QVS.

*1 See letter from Marlene Olsen page 11.

*2 See Euro-realist Internet article page 120—125.

*3 See Telephone Notes 132—133.

2/ Numerous complaints about bullying and abuse were made by the housemaster to various authorities to no avail because of the lack of a thorough investigation by the authorities.

3/ H M Commissioners ignored or were in ignorance of the above two facts.

Allegation 1: Thomas Hamilton & Friends of QVS.

1. Many visitors who the ex-housemaster described as “toffs” would arrive at the school and some of these visitors would take boys home for weekends.
2. Visitors to the school had access to the grounds and buildings within the school, which concerned him for fear that these apparently unauthorised visitors, might abduct a pupil.
3. He had challenged visitors who were not known to him and had complained to the headmaster about the presence of these individuals only to be told that these people were “Friends of Queen Victoria School” and were to be left alone.
4. Because of his concerns he suggested the issue of photographic passes for authorised personnel.
5. Boys who had spent weekends with some of the “Friends” would come back in a disturbed state of mind.
6. One pupil tried to hang himself after being buggered and this was hushed up.
7. He later found out that one regular visitor who, frequented the firing range, had watched naked primary level boys in the shower area, on dress parade, and visited teachers in their quarters was Thomas Hamilton the Dunblane killer.
8. Lord Cullen and George Robertson were mentioned by name as being visitors.
9. The ex-housemaster felt that if his complaints had been heeded and acted upon the massacre at Dunblane might not have happened given that Thomas Hamilton was well known to the police at this time.

Independent Corroboration

I had initially thought that the Queen Victoria School did not feature in the Dunblane Inquiry. However it is a matter of record that substantive evidence regarding Thomas Hamilton’s association with Queen Victoria School was given by three separate and unconnected witnesses to the Inquiry*¹

In her unchallenged evidence on **Day 3, Grace Jones Ogilvie** Hamilton’s neighbour told of how Thomas Hamilton organised and carried out **camping expeditions** for his boys clubs at Loch Lomondside and **Queen Victoria School**. Grace Jones Ogilvie also spoke of Hamilton showing her videos of what he described to her as “my boys”.

In his unchallenged evidence on **Day 14, Ian Steven Boal**, an undergraduate sports student, told of how in 1995 **Thomas Hamilton had used his influence at Queen Victoria School** to obtain him (Boal) a part time teaching position at the school.

In his unchallenged evidence on **Day 18, Robert Mark Ure** a neighbour of Hamilton told of how he wished to contact Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club as his wife who had been **to the rifle range at Queen Victoria School with Thomas Hamilton**, had embezzled money from the club. Hamilton had said that the Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club was not a static building and its address might have been in his mail.

*1/ Ogilvie pages 100--102, Boal pages 103--105, Ure pages 106--108.

None of the three independent witnesses to Hamilton's involvement with, and influence at Queen Victoria School were cross-examined or questioned further by the legal representatives of any of the parties represented. Lord Cullen did not ask any further questions of these three witnesses and there is no mention of Thomas Hamilton's involvement with the Queen Victoria School in Lord Cullen's Report.

Conclusion.

I found the ex-housemasters allegations regarding the presence of Thomas Hamilton at Queen Victoria School Dunblane convincing. In my opinion he was truthful and the evidence of the above three witnesses regarding Thomas Hamilton corroborates my impression of his veracity and suggests that he should have been heeded when he complained at the lack of proper procedures, and the climate of fear that pervaded the school.

That (between 1989 and 1996) an unemployed man known to the police of three forces (Central, Lothian & Borders, and Strathclyde) for numerous instances of unsavoury and threatening behaviour towards adults and children had the run of a Boarding School for young boys beggars belief.

That such a man, who was also known to the police for incidents involving firearms was allowed to bear arms within the school unbeknown to the school's guardians is truly unbelievable. It also begs the question as to what, or who Thomas Hamilton knew to allow him these extraordinary privileges?

Hamilton, while shooting on the range at Queen Victoria School obviously carried firearms and ammunition within the school. The possibility of Thomas Hamilton running amok at QVS must have been real, but is something that the Cullen Report does not consider or mention.

Allegation No 2: Numerous complaints about bullying and abuse being made to various authorities to no avail because of the lack of a thorough investigation.

1. The ex-housemaster told me of how he had made numerous complaints about bullying and abuse to: HM Commissioners of Queen Victoria School, The Educational Institute of Scotland, The Social Services Department of Stirling Council, and the children's parents, whilst he was at the school These complaints were not thoroughly investigated ^{*1}
2. After leaving the school he complained to The Patron, The Press, Esther Rantzen, Roger Cook, etc, and when he moved to Shetland to work he pursued his complaints through his local MP, Jim Wallace, and these complaints were not thoroughly investigated.
3. The housemaster felt sure that once his specific allegations of bullying and abuse were taken seriously, welfare staff with expertise in sexual abuse would identify such matters, which he had broadly categorised as abuse. The housemaster said he was sure that his complaints would be taken seriously by someone if he persevered, and in all he complained to dozens of different sources to no avail.
4. The ex-housemaster told of how his complaining eventually led him and his wife to protest by refusing to take their places at a dinner, which was attended by HRH Prince Andrew. This in turn led to a showdown with the outcome being that the ex-housemaster gave notice that he was terminating his employment.

^{*1} Report of bullying and abuse at QVS and addendum pages 12--63

5. During the notice period that the ex-housemaster worked he felt that his safety and the safety of his family was threatened and he sent his family away from the on-site flat accommodation provided by the school. In this period while the ex-housemaster was in Stirling the police broke down the door of his flat with a sledgehammer and removed documents relating to his complaints some of which were never returned. On his return to the school the ex-housemaster was taken by police to Stirling and held for questioning by detectives from Edinburgh. Despite his repeated requests for an explanation of these events none has been provided to this day.

Independent corroboration of the ex-housemasters allegation that he had made numerous complaints of allegations of bullying and abuse at Queen Victoria School Dunblane all to no avail due to the lack of a thorough investigation by the authorities.

The evidence of the ex-housemaster's allegations of abuse and bullying at Queen Victoria School Dunblane can be seen in the appended supporting documentation. Within this documentation it can be seen that the then Minister of State for Education, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton confirms that the ex-housemaster was **not** consulted in any way regarding the complaints he had made. Nor were the parents of the pupils consulted. It therefore goes without saying that a thorough investigation **did not** take place. The fact that almost all of the Commissioners to this day are unaware that any investigation had taken place is further evidence to suggest that whatever investigation did take place was not thorough.

Conclusion.

I found the ex-housemasters evidence regarding his numerous complaints of abuse and bullying at Queen Victoria School Dunblane receiving no thorough investigation convincing. I can understand why he was reluctant to clearly voice his concern regarding sexual abuse until he saw that professionals were involved. He was in my opinion truthful and the content from some of the documentation retained by him together with reference to Hansard corroborates my impression of his veracity, to say nothing of his conscientiousness and professionalism. The fact that the ex-housemaster continued to complain up to 1994 and renewed his complaints in 1996 when Thomas Hamilton was identified to him also speaks volumes for his tenacity and integrity.

The fact that only four of the 16 Commissioners and staff contacted who were at the school at the time are even aware that complaints had been made and investigated confirms my view that the complaints the ex-housemaster made were not thoroughly investigated.

Allegation 3: The Commissioners Apathy/Ignorance.

The ex-housemaster told me of how despite his repeated complaints HM Commissioners (who are also the governing body of the school) ignored or were in denial of the fact that serious complaints had been made regarding the practice and procedures at Queen Victoria School Dunblane. The ex-housemaster stated that HM Commissioners were available for any dinners or social events. However, on the occasions when their presence was **really** required, such as when he had serious complaints to make, HM Commissioners made themselves scarce, or simply went through the motions.

Independent corroboration of the ex-housemasters complaints that HM Commissioners were ineffective.

Independent corroboration of the ex-housemasters allegations in this regard would be impossible other than by analogy. Therefore I would draw upon my own experiences with the Commissioners to test the ex-housemasters claims.

I have written approximately 50 e-mails and letters to Commissioners past and present in three separate mailings^{*1} which are as follows:

1/ Letters and e-mails to my MP and the current Secretary of State for Scotland in her role as President of HM Commissioners regarding the ex-housemaster's allegations.

2/ A letter to The Patron, HM Commissioners, The Commandant and the Headmaster of the school seeking to know if they knew of a group called the "Friends of QVS".

3/ A reminder letter (as only 3 replied to my first letter) to the group at 2/ above and a new letter which asked a further two questions regarding Thomas Hamilton's presence and influence in the school and what if anything was known of the allegations of abuse and bullying. This letter was also sent to Lord George Robertson who together with Lord Cullen has been named as visitors to the school.

Responses.

The response from the Secretary of State for Scotland, (Helen Liddell) and my MP (Rachel Squire) was bordering on hostile. Liddell first claiming that she would not answer, as this was a question for my MSP-it being a devolved issue. She subsequently had a change of heart and decided to answer. However, her answer was to the effect that her role was "purely formal" and as such she could not answer questions. She suggested that the current Headmaster would be the best person to answer questions.

Rachel Squire MP was equally unreceptive to my requests that she should even trouble the Secretary of State for Scotland on this matter. Even though I had explained the background to my request i.e. Hamilton and VIP's being visitors to the school, and abuse having taken place at the school, my MP was surprisingly unhelpful other than suggesting I write to the current Headmaster.

My first letter to the Patron, Commissioners, and others associated with the Queen Victoria School Dunblane asking one question regarding the existence of a group called the "friends of QVS" received a poor response. A letter from the Duke of Edinburgh's P.S. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis who stated that he would be looking into the matter, and one from Lord Forsyth of Drumlean suggesting I write to the Scottish Executive were the sum total of responses.

There were however several phone-calls from Commissioners which seemed to be aimed at finding out **what I knew of the affairs of the school**, rather than answering the questions that I had asked.

^{*1} See Correspondence Register at pages 134—139, Squire Liddell pages 64-73 and 1st & 2nd letters at pages 74--99.

My second letter to the Commissioners, and others associated with the Queen Victoria School Dunblane asked two further questions regarding Thomas Hamilton's presence and influence at the school, as well as asking about the complaints of bullying and abuse. The response to this letter and my reminder to the first letter, were good. However, the **terms** of the responses were disappointing and record that almost all of those trusted with the stewardship of the school know nothing of the matters I had raised.

Lord George Robertson who had been named by the ex-housemaster as a visitor to QVS wrote a very aggressive letter advising me that he had sent **my letter to the Chief Constable of Central Scotland police!**^{*1}

Conclusion

As someone who has employed many hundreds of employees over a 25 year period in business I am well aware that the legal responsibility for the pupils safety lies squarely with the "Employer" in this case the Board of Management drawn from HM Commissioners and this much at least was clarified by Lord Cullen in Section 10 of his Inquiry Report as follows:

10.15 In Scotland the employer in regard to schools is the local authority, except in the case of self-governing schools where the employer is the board of management: and in the case of independent schools where it is the proprietor. In England and Wales the position in regard to legal responsibility is different.

Given their legal responsibilities it is astonishing that the current Commissioner and President of the Board of Management, Helen Liddell abdicates any personal responsibility and indeed initially attempted to devolve her responsibilities to my MSP. When Helen Liddell did a U-turn on the devolution issue, she still maintained that she had no **actual** duties or responsibilities for Queen Victoria School, Dunblane.

A previous President, Ian Lang, states that he has no **recollection** of the matters I referred to. He **thinks** he was Honorary President, but states he had no role in the management of the school. Although he **may** have appointed some of the Commissioners, he claims he was only at the school once in almost 5 years!

Another of HM Commissioners and past President of the Board of Management, Michael Forsyth, was the man who appointed Lord Cullen to head the Dunblane Inquiry, and set the terms of reference for the Inquiry. He referred my queries to the Scottish Office, who in turn passed the matter to the Scottish Executive, who claim that Mr Forsyth knows nothing of the matters I refer to, as he did not attend board meetings.

Lord Ross, the then Lord Justice Clerk, who after the Secretary of State and General Officer Commanding, Scotland, is the senior Commissioner, was annoyed that I should ask him about matters of public interest, stating he knew nothing of the matters I referred to and insisted that I stop writing to him. Lord Ross then passed the matter to the Scottish Executive Schools Division.

I am able to confirm the main thrust of the ex-housemaster's claims **from public records** some **12 years after the event**. Yet HM Commissioners, the legally responsible guardians of the pupils, and furthermore, **managers** of the school **knew nothing (or claim to know nothing) about Thomas Hamilton's** presence and influence at the school.

^{*1} See Lord Robertson pages 126--129

HM Commissioners almost to a man (with a few exceptions), claim to know nothing of the allegations of bullying and abuse at the Queen Victoria School far less the investigation that supposedly took place. **Without exception they are unaware that Hamilton visited QVS!** This is testimony to the ignorance of the Commissioners.

Allegation 4: Masonic Influence.

It is the ex-Housemaster's contention that there were powerful Masonic influences at work in the Queen Victoria School. He was advised by a colleague (a Mason) that there was no point in his complaining to the authorities or the Police as the influence of Freemasonry ran through the upper echelons of the Military, Government, Law and other VIP's who were part of the elite that frequently visited the school. The lavish Commissioners Lunches that were put on for this elite were on such a scale that the school was sometimes unable to cater for all guests at one sitting and they had to be accommodated in two sittings, two weeks apart.

The failure of the police to return all of his documents after breaking his door down and taking his property convinced the ex-housemaster that the school authorities and the police were linked by Masonry, which allowed them to act above the law.

Independent Corroboration.

There is no way of corroborating evidence of Masonic influence, as it is secret. The Grand Lodge of Scotland of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons will not divulge membership of "*gentlemen who are still alive*"^{*1}.

That Masons belong to an organisation with a constitution and obligations which demand fraternal preferment is a matter of fact but without confirmation of the identity of the "brother who must prefer a brother" evidence is at best perceived or circumstantial.

Summary.

I embarked on research into the Dunblane Inquiry as a result of an invitation from the Justice 2 Committee of the Scottish Parliament who asked "*if the petitioner was able to provide evidence of further specific cases where difficulties have arisen over the question of Sheriff/Judicial membership of the freemasons.*"

When responding to the Justice 2 Committee's invitation I had no idea that my research would lead to the allegations that have surfaced regarding Thomas Hamilton's privileged position at Queen Victoria School. In my petitioning of Parliament I gained an impression of secrecy and censorship regarding anything associated with the Dunblane Inquiry.

I found this same secrecy repeated when I wished to establish if the police reports of the arrest and door breaking incidents at QVS referred to in the Headmaster's letter^{*2} to the ex-housemaster featured in any Dunblane Inquiry police reports about QVS.

The Crown Office have refused my requests and a request made through my lawyers seeking access to inspect these documents^{*3}. Furthermore the Crown Office have refused to state whether or not the Queen Victoria School features in these closed documents.

^{*1} See Grand Lodge of Scotland letter page 140

^{*2} See Correspondence at page 50. ^{*3} See Correspondence Lord Advocate pages 109—119.

My disappointment regarding the lack of openness of the Crown Office is added to by their recent decision to remove the **names of all witnesses** from the embargoed document Index, and from the 4 documents that have been released as well as removing the **names of schools** from these documents.

I have viewed some of the Crown Office's recently released documents and the obscuring and deleting makes these documents barely legible. ^{*1} It is probably now the case that the documents as censored by the Crown Office would not provide any information regarding Queen Victoria School even if it were present in the original documents.

The above actions by the Crown Office and the recent Press expose which highlighted the fact that much of the Police and Crown documentation produced at the Dunblane Inquiry was **edited** and **summarised** gives credence to the recent claims by Dr Mick North who lost his only daughter in the Dunblane massacre that:

- 1. The Crown Office has been less than open.**
- 2. The Dunblane Inquiry looks to have been a cover-up.**
- 3. The Dunblane Inquiry was nothing more than a piece of theatre.**

To avoid any further allegations of this type regarding the allegations relating to Queen Victoria School, which is linked by Thomas Hamilton to the Dunblane Inquiry, I would urge you to act with complete openness and urgency in looking into my complaint.

The matters I raise are serious ones and no less so because of the passage of time. These allegations deserve proper investigation because, if the ex-housemasters allegations of physical and sexual abuse of pupils are true the victims will now be young men who may be psychologically disturbed by the traumatic experiences in their formative years.

It is within your power to trace those pupils who attended the school at the same time as the ex-housemaster and seek confirmation or otherwise of his claims. There are other serious allegations which have been intimated to me, but I will not disclose them until I am confident that they will be treated seriously and not as the complaints of the ex-housemaster.

I would have no confidence in your impartiality to carry out or instigate any enquiry unless you give me a personal guarantee that you have not taken the oath of Entered Apprentice into Freemasonry.

I would also ask you to consider whether there is any other matter, which might be seen as influencing your impartiality.

I would also make it clear that I would be reluctant to cooperate with HM Commissioners or any branch of the Scottish Justice System in helping to further expose the activities of Thomas Hamilton at Queen Victoria School without an assurance regarding their Masonic status.

*1 See Inchmoan Island Report pages 130—131.

My position in this regard is not frivolous and is expressed clearly because I genuinely feel that to assist those who are undeclared Masons in dealing with matters which I suspect are inextricably linked with Freemasonry would be to participate in the further suppression of the truth about the circumstances leading to the Dunblane shootings.

I intend to treat this letter as an open letter detailing matters of public concern and I will distribute it in order that its contents are not suppressed in any way.

Should you require any further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue.

CC. Lieutenant General Sir John MacMillan, Chairman of the Board of Governors.
Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis, P.S. to H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.
Others.



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Dear Mr. Minogue,

**PETITION PE 306 CALLING FOR A REGISTER OF FREEMASONS IN
THE JUDICIARY**

The Lord Justice Clerk has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25 February and the file of documents that accompanied it, and your letter dated 4 March and the further documents that accompanied it.

The case currently before the Court concerning the Speculative Society of Edinburgh will be decided on the basis of the information submitted to the Court by the parties in the case. The Lord Justice Clerk cannot therefore take into account your own submission.

The Lord Justice Clerk is a Commissioner of Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, by virtue of his office. If there are matters relating to the School of which you think he should be aware, you are free to write to him in his capacity as a Commissioner setting out your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Attach: 3 Pages from Dunblane Inquiry regarding Rifle Range at Dunblane.pdf
Subject: Addendum to report on Queen Victoria School Dunblane

Dear Ms Olsen, please find a three page addendum to my submission to Lord Gill which concerns an anonymous witness statement read out to the trial by Mr Lake. The statement details how Thomas Hamilton took the witness to a shooting range at Dunblane where he was allowed to fire real bullets from a rifle. This would seem to indicate that the events took place at Queen Victoria School as it is the only rifle range in Dunblane. There should not be a problem in tracing this anonymous witness who also claims he was sexually abused by Hamilton as the Dunblane Inquiry knew his identity sufficiently well for Mr Bonomy to be able to state that "**the witness in the past been convicted of a serious crime of dishonesty**". I shall circulate this information and any other information possibly regarding Queen Victoria School to the recipients of my submission and will of course advise Lord Gill of any other matters that arise. Regards, Thomas Minogue.

WEDNESDAY, 26th JUNE, 1996.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

LORD CULLEN: Mr. Bonomy, I think we are without Mr. Jones today, so you can proceed.

MR. BONOMY: Thank you, sir. I have had brought to my attention a witness who claims to have been abused by Hamilton. This is the first such evidence that has come to light. He is unwilling to be identified. I have given anxious consideration to the question whether an anonymous written statement of his evidence should be read to the Inquiry. The view I have formed, with some hesitation, is that that is the appropriate course in the circumstances, albeit it is not an ideal course. I also consider it appropriate to advise the Inquiry that there are certain matters mentioned in the statement peripheral to the meat of the statement that one might expect would be corroborated by independent evidence. Efforts have been made to try to corroborate that without any success.

You should also be advised, sir, that the witness has in the past been convicted of a serious crime of dishonesty.

That is a full account of the background, and with your leave, sir, I propose to invite Mr. Lake to read the statement.

LORD CULLEN: Yes -- Mr. Lake?

MR. LAKE: This is the anonymous statement -- "When I was about 12 and living at home I attended a Boys' Club called the Rovers Group at Bannockburn High School, which was run by Thomas Hamilton. I think I got to know about it through certain leaflets that came through the letter box. I attended that for about four weeks. I remember that on two occasions we got to shoot guns at the Club in Dunblane. This Club wasn't at the school but in a hut on the other side of the dual carriageway. We shot with real rifles with bullets, not pellets. Hamilton picked us up and took us to Dunblane. We once went to the High School/

School in Dunblane and joined in with that Club. It was a gymnastics Club.

"When the summer came, a trip was organised to go and stay on a boat. I got permission to go to it and Hamilton sent a letter home setting out the details of the camp trip, boat, how much money we needed etc.

"The holiday was to last for about a week or a week and a half and we were staying on a cabin cruiser on Loch Lomond. There were about eight boys of my age involved. The only boy I remember being there was my sister's boyfriend. I don't know who the other boys were but we were all specially chosen from the Bannockburn Club.

"One day I remember that I was particularly frightened because Hamilton was tying a rope round us, one at a time, and throwing us off the side of the boat and then pulling us back in. I cannot now remember what the purpose of this manoeuvre was, but I remember being very frightened and I refused to take part and pretended that I was ill and stayed in the cabin.

"That night I was told to report to his cabin. The boys all slept together at the back of the boat and Hamilton slept in his own cabin. I eventually went in. I only had on my underpants. He had a sort of telescopic pointer device which you would use to point to a map or a chart and he was pointing this at me and he told me that I had better behave. He began to touch me between my legs and my private parts and I was very scared. I started to cry.

"He told me to stop crying or I would be hit with the pointer. While all this was going on he was only dressed in shorts. I was then told to lie down on his bed and I was lying facedown. He started to push his fingers into my backside. By this time he had his shorts off and his penis was erect. He was rubbing it. He was also stroking my back and asked if I liked it. At one point I was crying and he banged this pointed device down at the side of my face. It didn't actually touch me, but hit the pillow. I lay there frozen stiff with fear. He then told me to stand up and face the wall and again he ran his hand up and down my back and/

and he was breathing heavily.

"I was then allowed to go. I was terrified, and then the next day I phoned my mother and asked if I could come home. All I did was to tell her I was homesick. I couldn't tell her what took place. I came home at the same time as everyone else. It was too far away for me to come home early. He didn't touch me again during the period of this holiday although I was very frightened of him.

"I can't be more specific about the year this happened. I do remember though that the boat blew up about a week after the trip.

"I do agree, however, that what he did to me should be known about. It has affected me badly and has always troubled me."

ROY CAMERON (49), Sworn:

EXAMINED BY MR. BONOMOY: Are you Roy Cameron? - I am, sir.

And are you presently the Chief Constable of Dumfries and Galloway Police? - That is correct, sir.

I think you are also Chief Constable designate of another Force? - That is correct -- Lothian & Borders Police, sir.

When do you take up that post? - The 6th September this year.

What age are you? - I am 49 years of age.

How long have you been a police officer? - 30 years' service.

Can you take us through your service, please? - Yes; I started as a cadet in Dumbartonshire; followed that with beat duties in Dumbartonshire Constabulary; was promoted sergeant fairly/



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Dear Mr. Minogue,

YOUR COMPLAINT REGARDING EVENTS AT QUEEN VICTORIA SCHOOL

I have now completed my detailed study of the dossier that you sent me.

I am unable to reach a definite conclusion on your complaints on the information that you sent me and I am in no position to carry out an investigation of my own.

I infer from your dossier that the police and the prosecuting authorities have decided to take these matters no further.

It is a question for Her Majesty's Commissioners whether they will wish to take any action as the governing body of the school. The next meeting of Her Majesty's Commissioners will take place on Monday 16 June. I have requested that your complaint shall be an agenda item at that meeting.

After that meeting, and in the light of any decision reached by Her Majesty's Commissioners, I shall write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

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Saturday 7th June 03

Dear Sir,

Complaint regarding alleged irregularities at Queen Victoria School Dunblane 1989-96

With reference the above document which was submitted to you on 24th April 03, and your response to that document of 6th June the following comments must be made:

“I have now completed my detailed study of the dossier that you sent me”.

It is noted that your study has been extensive which is exactly what you promised in your letter of 30th April, however it is disappointing to note that your comments regarding the complaint suggests that your study, however detailed, has missed the main points made in that document.

“I am unable to reach a definite conclusion on your complaints on the information that you sent me and I am in no position to carry out an investigation of my own”.

It is fully appreciated that you, as an individual, are limited in what you could achieve personally and would not be able to reach definite conclusions from the complaint. However it was hoped that as a very senior law officer and a Commissioner of QVS, perhaps chosen for that reason, you would be ideally placed to decide what action would be appropriate. It was anticipated that in such grave circumstances you might have instigated a judicial inquiry or requested that the Lord Advocate or Solicitor General so do.

“I infer from you (sic) dossier that the police and the prosecuting authorities have decided to take these matters no further”.

There is no basis to make an inference that the allegations made in the complaint document have been even considered by the police and the prosecuting authorities. The allegations made in the complaint document repeat, but are not limited to earlier allegations made by the ex-housemaster of abuse and bullying. **These were not investigated by the relevant authorities.** This fact is indisputable and is best witnessed by the then Education Minister, James Douglas-Hamilton who at page 32 of 144 of the complaint document stated:

“Throughout their enquiry the primary concern of HMI was to investigate the situation in the school in relation to pastoral care and pupil supervision rather than to investigate specific allegations of bullying”.

The Minister does not mention the allegations of **abuse** made by the ex-housemaster but it goes without saying that these allegations are included in the matters that **were not investigated**. In addition to the matters that were detailed by the ex-housemaster but not investigated, are matters regarding the Commissioners and their dereliction of duty in allowing Thomas Hamilton unfettered access to Queen Victoria School. These matters **simply cannot** have been investigated.

“It is a question for Her Majesty’s Commissioners whether they will wish to take any action as the governing body of the school. The next meeting of Her Majesty’s Commissioners will take place on Monday 16 June. I have requested that your complaint shall be an agenda item at that meeting”.

As the actions or rather the lack of action by HM Commissioners forms part of the complaint to you, the suggestion that the same Commissioners (or some of them) responsible for allowing a mass murderer to enjoy the run of QVS should decide what further action should be taken against themselves is more than a little puzzling. There is doubt that such a suggestion would engender any confidence, in the parents of children who had attended the school during the period in question, that the requisite duty to care was being properly exercised.

It is noted that you have not seen fit to address the concerns clearly expressed regarding your Masonic status.

The terms of what is a very serious complaint were clearly expressed. Your failure to address these concerns and the question of your Masonic status leave me to conclude that you have failed to appreciate my concern, or the serious nature of the complaint, and unless you intimate by return that you are willing to revise your proposed action I will have no option but to present my complaint to the Solicitor General in the hope that she may find that it warrants a full and thorough independent investigation.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue.

C.C. The Patron, The Chairman of the Board of Management.
By E-mail and letter am Monday 9th June.