

Lord George Robertson,
NATO Secretary General,
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation,
Brussels,
BELGIUM

Saturday 5th April 03

Dear Sir,

Queen Victoria School Dunblane 1989-91

I am presently investigating a complaint made by an ex-housemaster of the above school and to that end have written to the Patron, Commissioners, Brigadier, and Headmaster of the school in an attempt to verify the allegations that have been made by the ex-housemaster.

The nature of my enquiries which I must take seriously centre on three allegations of circumstances pertaining during the above period, which are as follows:

- 1/ That a group of prominent people with no official connection to the school, who were known as the "Friends of QVS", visited the school and took boys home for weekends.
- 2/ That Thomas Hamilton (The Dunblane killer) was known as a "Friend of QVS" and had access to and influence in the Queen Victoria School.
- 3/ That Bullying and Abuse of some of the pupils took place by fellow pupils and others.

I ask you if you know of any of the above matters due to the fact that the ex-housemaster states that you were a visitor to the Queen Victoria School at the time he was employed there. I would also state that to date of the many Commissioners and others who have been contacted there is little or no corroboration of the allegations to date.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance.
Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue.



SECRETARY GENERAL
LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL
THE RT. HON.
LORD ROBERTSON OF PORT ELLEN

14 April 2003

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Dear Mr Minogue,

I acknowledge your letter dated 5 April.

I do not know who you are or who the 'ex-housemaster' is. I know of no inquiry into any allegations.

I consider your letter to be an impertinence and not only have I no intention of replying to your questions, I am sending a copy of your letter and this reply to the Chief Constable of Central Scotland Police.

*Yours,
James Robertson*

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18th April 03

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 14th April 03 I would comment as follows:

My letter of 3rd April advised you in polite terms of who I was and what I was enquiring about.

The fact that you claim to know of no enquiry is therefore puzzling as I thought that I had stated in polite and concise terms the nature of my enquiry. However if my letter was too brief then perhaps I owe you an apology for this and would clarify by expanding on the nature of the circumstances leading to my enquires as follows:

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. I am not alone in Scotland in perceiving the Dunblane Inquiry as a case where Masonic membership had played a part in the events leading up to the Inquiry and during the Inquiry and cited this as a case in point.

I was aware that many newspaper stories and Internet articles have dealt with the supposed Masonic influence of Thomas Hamilton having allowed him to obtain firearms against police advice. A commonly broadcast theory 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. 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 housemaster which alleged that one regular and apparently influential visitor to the school between 1989 and 1992 was Thomas Hamilton the

Dunblane killer. After a lengthy correspondence I visited the ex-housemaster who amongst other things claimed that the MOD (HM Commissioners), Scottish Office, Procurator Fiscal, and Stirling Council would not act on his numerous 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 attempting to independently corroborate some of the main allegations made by the ex-housemaster. It was as part of this process of corroborating or otherwise what the ex-housemaster had claimed that I wrote to you. I wrote to ask if you were a visitor to the school as he had stated that this was the case. No other claim or inference on your presence at Queen Victoria School was claimed by the ex-housemaster or inferred by me. You were simply one of a number of VIP's noticed by the ex-housemaster at the school.

If you were familiar with the school I hoped that you could confirm or otherwise your knowledge of the matters detailed in the three questions I asked you. I have asked similar questions of many other people who were associated with the school and the many responses received will form the basis of a report of my findings. I will be making my findings known to a Commissioner of the school, Lord Gill shortly.

As a concerned citizen looking into the truth of allegations that have been made to me I find your remark that I am impertinent to be **offensive, ill advised, and warranting an apology.** The claims I have sought to verify are serious and require that I am satisfied or otherwise with their content before making them known to the relevant authorities. The only way I know of doing this is to ask those involved. To date your reaction to my questions is unique in its aggressive tone.

I have no objection to you sending my letter to whomever you see fit and I will not be slow to act in a like manner but I fail to see why you would wish to send my letter to the police, far less the Chief Constable of Central Region. If I did understand why you would consider it appropriate to send my letter to the police I would have thought that you would have sent letter to Fife Constabulary, as that is the police district in which I live.

I hope that my explanation of the background to my enquiry will reassure you of my sincerity in this matter and perhaps you might retract your police complaint. I would also ask that you reconsider your decision not to assist me in what is, after all, a matter of public interest. I would however respect your decision to decline my request and that is your prerogative.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue.



Our ref: DW/74/03/es

Central Scotland Police

3 June 2003

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Dear Mr Minogue,

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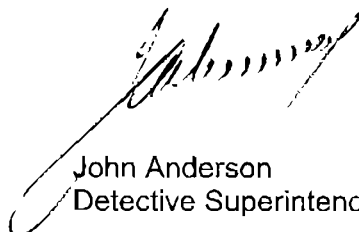
On 16th April, 2003, Lord Robertson, Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation wrote to my Chief Constable attaching a letter he had received from yourself dated 5 April, 2003.

Having examined this letter I note that you suggest that you are investigating a complaint made by an ex-housemaster at Queen Victoria School, Dunblane. Some of the matters you allude to being under investigation have the potential of being serious criminal offences. It is the responsibility of the police to investigate criminal matters. We also consider any reference to abuse of any kind within the setting of a residential establishment for children to be a matter of the utmost seriousness.

With this in mind I would urge you to have this ex-housemaster contact Central Scotland Police to allow us to consider whether or not a criminal investigation should be commenced.

Within this force we have child protection officers based at our Family Unit. These officers are trained to investigate claims of abuse in residential establishments. The ex-housemaster should contact the officer in charge of this Unit, Detective Sergeant Moir. Telephone No: 01786 813412.

Yours sincerely



John Anderson
Detective Superintendent



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Saturday 14th June 03

Dear Sir,

Queen Victoria School Dunblane

Given that I am the subject of the correspondence you make reference to I would be obliged if you could send me a copy of Lord Robertson's letter of 16th April to you so that I may consider the matters you refer to in context.

On the understanding that I am not fully appraised of the background against which your letter of 3rd June (received 12th June) was written, I would comment as follows:

It is true that some of the matters I allude to are indeed potentially very serious criminal offences, and in the normal course of events the police would be the first people to be advised of such matters. However the circumstances surrounding these allegations are anything but normal and for that reason it seemed appropriate to report the matters to a very senior Judge who is now a Commissioner of the school, though not a Commissioner at the time of the alleged incidents.

It was thought reasonable not to lodge allegations of improper conduct aided by Masonic influence among officials at QVS, with those suspected of the impropriety. For this reason Lord Gill's suggestion that the complaint be put to the Commissioners was rejected, and instead it was decided to lodge a complaint formally with the Solicitor General. This was done by e-mail on 12th June. At an earlier stage, but for the same reason, it was decided that a complaint critical of Central Scotland Police might best be assessed by others.

As to the suggestion that I should urge the ex-housemaster to contact Central Scotland Police, this would appear to be impractical in that the ex-housemaster accuses members of the same police force of:

- 1/ Breaking down the door of his flat with a sledgehammer.
- 2/ Taking documents from his flat and not returning them.
- 3/ Failing to act on his complaint.
- 4/ Being part of a cabal of Masons who were suspected of abusing pupils.
- 5/ Protecting their brother Thomas Hamilton from attempts to prosecute him.

Also given that in 1991 the then housemaster was convinced that the Central Scotland Police were dominated by Masons and this factor is widely believed, since then, to explain the inexplicable actions by this police force in renewing Hamilton's gun licence, it would be surprising if the ex-housemaster would have confidence in this force dealing objectively with his concerns.

Despite the above concerns I will pass your letter on to the ex-housemaster but will refrain from making the recommendations you urge, as I myself have serious doubts as to the impartiality of Masons who are present, if not prevalent, in all police forces in Scotland including Central Scotland.

As to the responsibility for consideration as to whether or not a criminal investigation should be commenced I am sure that the Solicitor General is the appropriate person to decide this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue.

C.C. Solicitor General.

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Saturday 12th July 03

Dear Sir,

Letter dated 16th April 2003 from Lord George Robertson to Central Scotland Police regarding Thomas Minogue.

I wrote to you on Saturday 14th June in reply to your letter dated 3rd June and responded as best I could to your letter, given that I was limited by the fact that you had not saw fit to appraise me of the exact nature of a letter from Lord George Robertson which had prompted you to write to me.

Given the above facts I asked you to provide me with a copy of the letter Lord Robertson had sent to you. I have yet to receive a response and would again ask that I be given sight of the letter dated 16th April 2003 that Lord Robertson wrote to you concerning me.

If you do not accede to my legitimate request or fail to answer this letter in 7 days I will instruct my legal advisers to take measures to obtain a copy of this letter.

I would also ask you to confirm or otherwise the veracity of a claim made to me that Lord Robertson's son is a member of Central Scotland Police?

Yours faithfully,

Thomas Minogue.

C.C. Chief Constable Central Scotland Police, Pagans.

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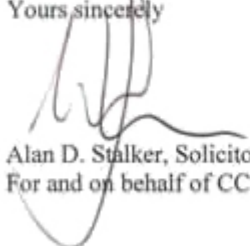
Dear Tom

Complaints

Further to our letter late last week we enclose a response received from the Police (which you will see does not develop particularly the information sought in our last letter!) together with a draft letter which we plan to send to NATO. If you are happy with the letter to NATO I would be grateful if you would let us have a cheque for €20 so that we may get the request sent without delay.

The police response seems to leave open a number of issues, the most obvious being in relation to the information accessed, but not now disclosed, in point (1). In addition there are issues we may care to debate with them (re point (3) - 'Yours sincerely') but we should focus on the information they agree they have.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Stalker

Your Client – James John Minogue

I refer to the above and your correspondence dated 13th October, 2003, seeking answers to a number of questions. Accordingly I have caused enquiry to be made regarding the issues raised and would hope you will find this helpful.

1. In regard to the letter dated 2 June, 2003 and in particular paragraph 1. I can advise that the "findings" to which you refer relate to basic background information checks including those held upon police data bases such as the Police National Computer (PNC), Scottish Criminal Records Office (SCRO) and local databases.
2. You refer to a letter sent by my Detective Superintendent dated 2 June, 2003.

I can confirm that this is the letter which is referred to in the further correspondence dated 3 June, 2003 and there are no other outstanding items of correspondence.

3. Within the letter dated 2 June, 2003, there is reference to Mr Minogue having been advised to refrain from communicating with Lord Robertson regarding his assertions related to suspected criminality occurring at Queen Victoria School Dunblane between 1989 and 1991.

As you will see within the letter dated 3 June, 2003 Mr Minogue has been advised within paragraph 2 and 3 that it is the responsibility of the police to investigate criminal matters and persons who have allegations of criminality to make should be referred to this service for investigation.

Clearly the intention of this letter has been to advise Mr Minogue to

correspond/



correspond with the police in regard to any criminal assertions which he may have as we are the appropriate authority and not to direct these allegations to Lord Robertson.

4. The police have a common law duty in regard to persons who contact us to ensure that we manage such information in an appropriate manner.

Under the Data Protection Act Section 7(6) there is a stipulation that before deciding whether to pass on information regard shall be had to:

- a) Any duty of confidentiality owed to the other individual.
- b) Any steps taken to seek the consent of the other individual.
- c) Any express refusal of consent by the other individual.

In regard to this matter, we have written to Lord Robertson seeking his consent for disclosure which he has refused.

In consideration of the above, Central Scotland Police stand by this decision.

5. I should advise you that this is a standard response and is a paragraph agreed by all Scottish Police Forces when dealing with requests under the Data Protection Act.

Clearly this does afford either you or your client the opportunity to seek further information if you consider that there are any inaccuracies or questions which you may wish to pose as you have clearly done in your response of 13 October, 2003.

As requested, the file has been reviewed and all information relevant to your client has been properly disclosed under terms of the Data Protection Act.

In response to your comments to our letter of 25 April, 2003 related to background enquiry, I am sure you will understand that the Police have a responsibility of protection towards prominent public figures such as Lord Robertson.

We fully agree that Mr Minogue's correspondence with Lord Robertson is not criminal and can confirm that it has not been investigated as such.

I would therefore refer you to point 3 above and confirm that should Mr Minogue have any further allegations of criminality to report, then the proper course for this would be to correspond directly or meet with the police to provide the appropriate statement in the normal manner.

Yours sincerely


Chief Superintendent

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Dear Sir or Madam

Data Protection: Subject Access Request

Data Subject: Thomas John Minogue, 94 Victoria Terrace, Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland, UK, KY12 0LU

Although it is likely that this letter will be dealt with by another department within NATO (very possibly "Executive Management") we have been unable to obtain any contact details for legal or administrative officers therein; we would be grateful therefore if, this matter not being dealt with by yourself, you would pass it on to the appropriate personnel.

Our client Thomas John Minogue has instructed us to make a request to NATO, in terms of Belgium's implementation of the European Data Protection Directive (95/46/EC), to recover all personal information about him held by NATO.

Notwithstanding the breadth of this request our client, in particular, is seeking to obtain a copy of a letter written on NATO notepaper by the Secretary-General Lord Robertson dated on or about May/June 2003 addressed to the Chief Constable of Central Scotland Police. We must however re-emphasise that our client is seeking to recover all of the information held about him which, necessarily, includes that letter.

We are uncertain whether NATO charges a fee for providing this information; in the event that it does we enclose a cheque in Euros in the sum of €20. If the amount charged is less than this we would be happy for you to remit the difference to a charity of your choice or, if no amount is charged, we would be grateful to receive back the cheque.

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For the avoidance of any doubt we are having this letter delivered recorded post so that the time limit set out in the Directive may be monitored by this firm although we have no doubt that this matter will be dealt with expeditiously by NATO.

Yours faithfully

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