December 10, 2004

Service Desk: SDM:SSK
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Dear Brothers:

Pursuant to your letter dated October 21, 2004 we present a summary of our investigation in the above matter:

We note that in a letter from the Christian Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses dated February 27, 2000 the Palmer Congregation (Massachusetts) was advised how to proceed in the matter of Brother ___ and the accusations of sexual misconduct with his two daughters, ___ and ___.

Your letter of March 27, 2000 advises no judicial action can be taken until ___ the accuser, can be in a position to face her father, either in person or by conference call with two elders present to hear the interchange. Additionally, if ___ is willing to face her father about the accusation she has against him the congregation can proceed if appropriate.

___ has been reluctant to face her father with her accusations of physical and sexual abuse and no action had been taken in the matter until Brother ___ moved
from the Palmer Massachusetts congregation to the Warehouse Point Congregation
(Connecticut) in October 2002. A more detailed report is given to this matter in the
transmittal letter from the Palmer Congregation November 14, 1999, which conveyed
some information regarding accusations, by □□□□. (Which see enclosed / Doc.- A)
Subsequently Brother □□□□ admitted his guilt in the accusations brought by □□□□
and was disfellowshipped by the Warehouse Point Congregation. On August 7, 2004 the
judicial committee in Warehouse Point met to consider the reinstatement of Brother
□□□□ and he was reinstated. (See their letter dated August 15, 2004 transmitted with the
S-77 form. Also see Warehouse Point Congregation letter to Palmer Congregation, dated
September 23, 2004, transmitting the Congregation’s Publisher Record Card / Doc.-B)

Now comes copy of a letter from the Fort Kent Congregation (Maine), dated August
15, 2004 to the Watchtower Society, 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY, detailing an
accusation by □□□□ of sexual abuse against Brother □□□□ (Which see enclosed
/ Doc. C)

Subsequent to receiving the letter regarding a new accusation against Brother □□□□
the body of elders here in Palmer Congregation asked Brothers □□□□□□□□□□□□□ and
□□□□□ elders, to investigate these matters to determine whether there was
enough evidence to form a judicial committee.

On September 20, 2004 these brothers met with □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ and her husband, □□
□□ at the Palmer Kingdom Hall to hear, in person, her accusations. Brother □□□□
was not present at this meeting. (See INTERVIEW September 20, 2004 enclosed / Doc.-
D)
On October 29, 2004 we received a statement signed by [redacted] further accusing her father of sexual abuse. This statement was requested of her by Brother [redacted] of the Fort Kent Congregation whose concern, apparently, was that [redacted] accusations never “made it to the judicial committee that originally disfellowshipped him.” (Note: Although [redacted] printed her signature Brother [redacted] has been assured this is how she signs her name due to health problems.)

On October 31, 2004 Brothers [yellow] and [gray] met with Brother [blue] and revealed to him that he had been accused by [redacted] of Fort Kent, Maine. He repeatedly and most assuredly declared his innocence, denied the accusation and agreed to a telephone conference meeting.

This meeting was arranged for November 13, 2004 at 7:00 PM. Present in Fort Kent was [redacted], the Presiding Overseer, [yellow], elder, [black] the accuser and her father, [yellow]. Present in Palmer, Massachusetts were Brothers [yellow] and [gray] elders as previously noted and the accused, [blue].

Following a prayer and some direction on how the meeting would be conducted and its purpose [redacted] was asked to make her statement. She stated that when she was about four (4) years old she was in a trailer home owned by one [gray] at a trailer park. [redacted] was there and so was the accused, some money was passed between them and she went into a room, laid on the floor and closed her eyes. She then said, ‘[blue] was there and had sex with me.” Brother [yellow] asked some questions:

Q. How often did you go over there to the trailer?

A. Twice a week