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Dear Ivor,

I accept that you have not done anything legally classified as misconduct with Corinne.

But the sexual emotional pressure on her has placed a damaging emotional pressure on her for some years. I understood this from about August last year & decided to speak to you to make the understanding clear to you.

You asked me about the problem 3 years or more ago. At that time I knew nothing about the subject & believed that since you would not take any action legally classified as misconduct then there was no problem. From what I found out last June about my own history both earlier & later in childhood, I now know that I was wrong. If responsibility is placed on a child to say what they will & will not accept, then this is damaging; the feeling that sexual emotional pressure is present is damaging. So I wanted to put these points to you.

But then Girahan died. In the grief of that event, ⁽²⁾
conversation on emotional subjects became impossible.
Your return from Tenerife was the first time at which
it appeared practical to raise the point - & since
by then Corinne had decided she had for the
moment to avoid being with you, the matter
seemed urgent.

(Sunday 11 Feb)
When we spoke in the kitchen you phoned Sue. You
also made it clear you had acknowledged the
problem & appeared to have shared it with those
likely to give support. To have done this must
have taken formidable courage on your part.
And your action appeared to solve the problem
- hopefully permanently. I wish we were all so
good at actual solutions to problems.

When we spoke, you agreed an incident - though not
an illegal one - had happened. You said you
did not wish to discuss it further & asked me
to leave. You, by knowing what had happened,
had become able to solve the problem & no
further discussion was needed.

But today on the phone you denied anything was wrong. (3)
And you involved Corinne in speaking to me &
thus involved her in responsibility for adult affairs
— which is damaging to any child, ^{obvious} ^{point} I have
made before to you, to Freda & to Malcolm.
Corinne has always refused to say anything against
you, so her participation was redundant anyway.
So I ended the conversation.

Being unable to discuss it with you last year, in
about November I asked Freda to be aware of the
problem & to ensure Corinne is not put under
damaging pressure of any kind. I think she
will do this. She herself has not persuaded
me of anything. My conclusions — which you
confirmed — are wholly reached on my own responsibility.

Three years ago you asked my help on the problem
— but I was unable to give it. After last June,
when I found out more of my own history, I
could understand more but you were unable to
receive anything. Between those times, you have
been alone with the problem & have battled
heroically. But your greatest step was telling
Sue & Lucas of the problem & so getting the moral
support that makes victory possible.

My objective is not to attack or damage you. (4)
The steps I have taken are very sad ones for
me ~~on a~~ & the situation is very painful for
you — that is an understatement. This sadness &
pain is why it took so long ^{for me} to see the truth
— so in a way I deserted you over these last years
by keeping quiet. But these steps were the
minimum to protect Corinne from damage from
the responsibility for setting boundaries which
should not be placed on her.

You have stated you want to keep out of contact
for a while. I regret this, but shall not take
it amiss — you still have my permanent
affection & esteem

Yours

Nick