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BODY OF ELDERS
CONGREGATION OF
JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, _____, MA

Dear Brothers:

We have in hand the S-77 form whereby you informed us that Brother _____ was reinstated on May 27, 2008. Thank you for providing this important information. We have noted the reinstatement in our records. Before we conclude our consideration of this case however, we would appreciate your assistance in the following ways.

According to our records, Brothers _____ and _____ contacted our office on March 11, 2002. These elders reported that Brother _____ was judicially reprovved in 1989 after he allowed his 11-year-old stepdaughter to touch his penis. If we understand matters correctly, this happened on at least two occasions. In view of the foregoing, please assign two elders to review the confidential file on this case. Afterward, they should prepare a report wherein they answer the questions in paragraph 1, page 3, of the March 14, 1997, confidential letter to all bodies of elders. If necessary, the assigned elders may meet with Brother _____ in order to establish certain facts. We are not suggesting that the elders interview the victim or her family members since this may only serve to bring up painful memories. Rather, on the basis of your own knowledge of the case and pertinent details you may learn from Brother _____, please answer the questions as completely as possible. If you know, we would appreciate being apprised of the current congregation information and spiritual status of the victim and her mother. Your correspondence should refer to this letter by the desk symbols and date indicated above and should be signed by the two elders who prepared the report.

Please be assured that your prompt follow-through in this serious matter is deeply appreciated. It is a privilege to be working alongside you in shepherding that portion of Jehovah's flock entrusted to our care. We take advantage of this opportunity to convey our warm Christian love and greetings.—1 Peter 5:2, 3; Acts 20:28.

Your brothers,

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