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ATTENTION: Desk SDO:SST

Dear Brothers,

This letter is in response to your June 3, 2008 letter [from desk SDO:SST] regarding Brother [redacted] and the events and circumstances that occurred on or during the year 1989 when he was judicially reprovved. In that letter you asked that two brothers from the [redacted] Congregation follow up and report back to you on some matters dealing with Br. [redacted]'s past. You asked that these two brothers reference the March 14, 1997 confidential letter to all bodies of elders and answer the questions in paragraph 1, page 3, of that letter. You also noted that if necessary these two brothers may meet with Brother [redacted] in order to establish certain facts relative to the questions in paragraph 1, page 3, of the aforementioned letter.

Question 1. How long ago did he commit the sin? Answer: Reportedly, the information on file states that these sins were committed on or about September 1988; or about 20 years ago.

Question 2. What was his age at the time? Answer: 27 years old.

Question 3. What was the age of his victim at the time of the 1988 noted offenses? Answer: 11 years old.

Question 4. Was it a one-time occurrence or a practice? Answer: According to his 1989 confidential judicial file, the incident of indecent exposure and touching his penis occurred on two different occasions.

Question 5. How is he viewed in the community and by the authorities? Answer: Unknown at this time; however, the information stated in his confidential judicial file dated May 17, 1989, indicates that the victim ([redacted]) contacted the HOTLINE Abuse Center. The notes in the congregation's confidential judicial file say that she did not use any names when speaking to the person at the HOTLINE Abuse Center.

Question 6. Has he lived down any notoriety in the community? Answer: Unknown at this time since all parties have moved to different congregations, cities and states. However, he does have some notoriety in the city due to his long history of living an immoral lifestyle involving "fornication" "drunkenness" and "lying". Because of this brother's extensive and complicated immoral life over the past 20 years or more, touching several congregations in the [redacted] area, it is not possible for the two investigating brothers to measure the extent of notoriety that may still exist.

Question 7. Are members of the congregation aware of what took place?
Answer: There is mention in his 1989 confidential judicial file that one sister, , an elder's wife, knew of these offenses. The are now part of the Congregation – part of the greater area.

Question 8. How do they and/or his victim view him? Answer: Reportedly, there is very little trust. They are uncomfortable being in his presence.

Question 9. Has he ever been disfellowshipped, reproved, counseled, or otherwise dealt with? Answer: The confidential records show that this man has had extensive dealings with several judicial committees back to 1980; totally four public reproofs and three disfellowshippings that involved "fornication", drunkenness", and "lying".

Question 10: If he has moved to another congregation, identify the congregation to which he has moved? Answer: He has moved to the Congregation [cong. #] in Massachusetts. is considered part of the greater are.

Question 11: Was the congregation advised of his past conduct of child molestation, and if so, when? Answer: July 16, 2008 – first by phone [by dedicated land line] with Br. , presiding overseer, to alert him of this matter and then by letter explaining the details and why their body of elders were not notified specifically about the child molestation matter sooner. [Please reference attached letter to the Body of Elders, dated July 16, 2008, for details relative to why the Congregation was not informed specifically about Br. 's child abuse offenses when he moved to their congregation.]

Regarding the status of 's first wife, , unfortunately she is no longer attending the Christian Congregation. Our dear sister suffers from and has been treated for mental health issues. Reportedly, she has blamed herself for staying with after the incident with her daughter . She continues to agonize over, as she has stated, "not being able to protect my little girl from that monster". Loving arrangements such as frequent shepherding visits, and phone calls, to try to assist our dear sister have failed. She remains isolated from the Christian Congregation of her own choosing. Reportedly, she has moved to a near by town and resides there with her son , who is baptized and not doing well in the truth.

As for , reportedly, she moved from a number of years ago, married a loving brother and remains steadfast and loyal to Jehovah.

In view of the fact that Br. has moved to the Congregation, we have we have a question we would like assistance with. It relates to Br. 's current marriage status. He is remarried into a family with two step daughters and one step son. All three are under eighteen years old. Is there any responsibility on the part of either body of elders [or] to inform his current wife of his past history of child molestation?

We trust we have addressed your questions satisfactorily. We await any further directions in this matter.

Your brothers,