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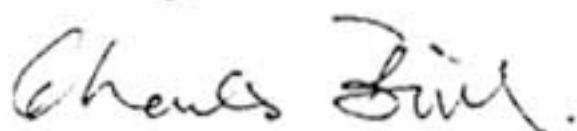
Dear Mr Grainger. Meeting with FHA 17 Nov '98.

I am unable to be present at this meeting but I would be grateful if you would take into account a couple of points I would like to make:

1. I have the greatest respect for the Foundation of Humanity's Adulthood and its director Jeremy Griffith. It is an altruistic organisation which has done a great deal of good for young people. I know this for a fact.
2. It has been greatly damaged by the ABC in its Four Corners programme. Any organisation must be prepared to take criticism but this programme was quite unfair and extremely hurtful. The FHA has suffered ever since with schools and colleges re-showing the programme to warn students off the FHA suggesting it has cultish qualities and is a bad influence.
- 3 Since I hold the FHA and its leaders in great respect I consider it would be the only right thing for the ABC to admit the bias of the programme and to apologise for its mistake. This would be one positive step that would enable the FHA to go ahead with its creative work without the stigma that it at present bears from the ABC. I hope you can press this with the ABC.

I am deeply grateful for your willingness to consider the concerns of the FHA at your forthcoming meeting with their representatives. I very much hope it will be fruitful and helpful to the FHA.

Yours sincerely,



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