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Mr. and Mrs. Lowry
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lowry:

RE: Charlene DOBSON

This is Exhibit G-2 referred to in the
Affidavit of Arlene Lowery
sworn before me this 28th day of
FEBRUARY A.D. 2006.

A Commissioner of Oaths in and for
the Province of Saskatchewan
My Appointment Expires JAN 31, 2011

Congratulations to both of you for bringing Charlene along so well in her general development. She is much more mature than she was. She has been able to battle with some panic attacks, and although she has had them – precipitated by visits with her mother and the entry of her sister Leslie to the grandparental home where she resides – she has been able to handle those situations, at first with great difficulty including school refusal, nightmares, anorexia and a variety of aches and pains and fears. Before the second series of panic attacks she was, for some reason, asked to visit with her mother, something which I was very much against until she reached the age of decent maturity, that is to say around 15 or so when she could perhaps begin to confront the reality of her mother with her own body in a state of non-vulnerability. The second set of panic attacks related to these visits to mother gradually diminished as the stressors, for some reason deliberately induced, in her by the Department of Social Services, have been spaced out. A further set developed with a visit by father and aunt to her school. School refusal was a part of that set which too has diminished in time.

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her.

* The obvious reactions of Charlene to her mother and even to fears developed from father's visit to her school in September 2002 make it very clear that integration to either parent is not a possibility. As I mentioned in my letter of 1999, anyone who wants to change this girl's circumstances has to show very clearly that the alternate situation, which they propose, is in fact better for her. This is not to say cheaper for the Department or better for mother who seems not to have learned from the apprehension of her 3 children so far and is, at this time, apparently looking after another child. To expose this youngster to the situation in which irresponsibility is being practiced, selfish is paramount, and an overall lack of caring for the child herself is not in Charlene's best interest.

Let me make this clear. Charlene's best interest are served by being where she is with her grandmother and grandfather and, since it stresses her and is to no one's advantage, visits to her mother should be discouraged. Supervised or not, visits and any kind of thought that might return to a relationship with her mother, other than at her direct wish, is quite irresponsible.

If one reads for example "Beyond the Best Interests of the Child" by Goldstein, Freud and Solnet, it discusses the question of parent and child relationships, the statements made therein says

"Whether any adult becomes the psychological parent of a child is based on day-to-day interaction, companionship, and shared experiences. The

role can be fulfilled either by a biological parent or by an adoptive parent or by any other caring adult but never by an absent,

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inactive adult whatever his biological or legal relationship to the child may be. For school age children the breaks in their relationships with their psychological parents affect, above all, those achievements which are based on identification with the parent's demands, prohibitions and social ideals. Such identifications develop only where attachments are stable and tend to be abandoned by the child if he feels abandoned by the adults in question. This can happen when children are made to wander from one environment to another. Resentment towards adults who disappointed them in the past makes them adopt this attitude of not caring for anybody."



The implication of this information is that each child placement must be final and unconditional and the child must not be shifted to accord with each tentative decision.



"All child placements shall be as permanent as the placement of a newborn with his biological parents."

This of course is not carried out in reality by the Department of Social Services for various reasons, mainly however because there are attempts to placate the parents instead of taking the needs to the child thoroughly into account.

This child is in good, solid, reliable, ethical hands and a loving relationship. It is important she stay there and that she not be subjected to threats to move into a strange, though perhaps technically closer in blood relationship with a parent she has not been with for years. There is no point in upsetting her in this way.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Matthews, MB, BS, FRCPC, MRCPsych, DPM, DCH
Psychiatrist

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sworn before me this _____ day of
_____ A.D. 20____

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