Service Desk: SDK:SSH

Legal Desk: LPW

Pursuant to your letter dated October 21, 2004 we present a summary of our investigation in the above matter:

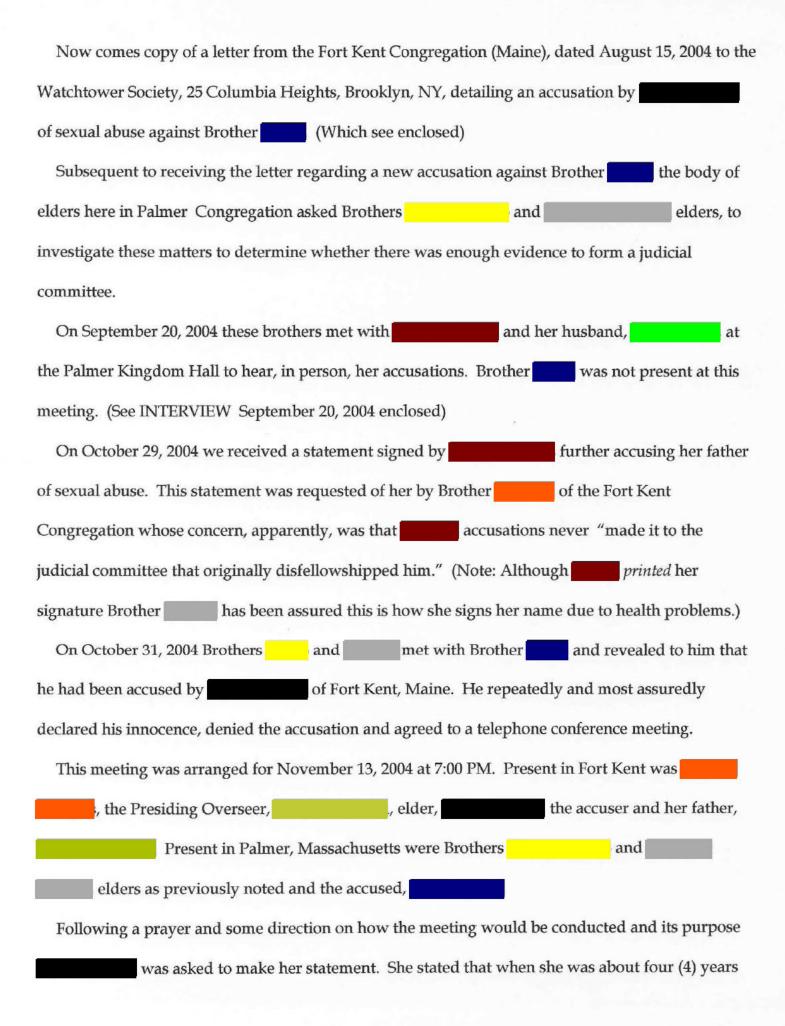
We note that in a letter from the Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses dated February 27, 2000 the Palmer Congregation (Massachusetts) was advised how to proceed in the matter of Brother and the accusations of sexual misconduct with his two daughters,

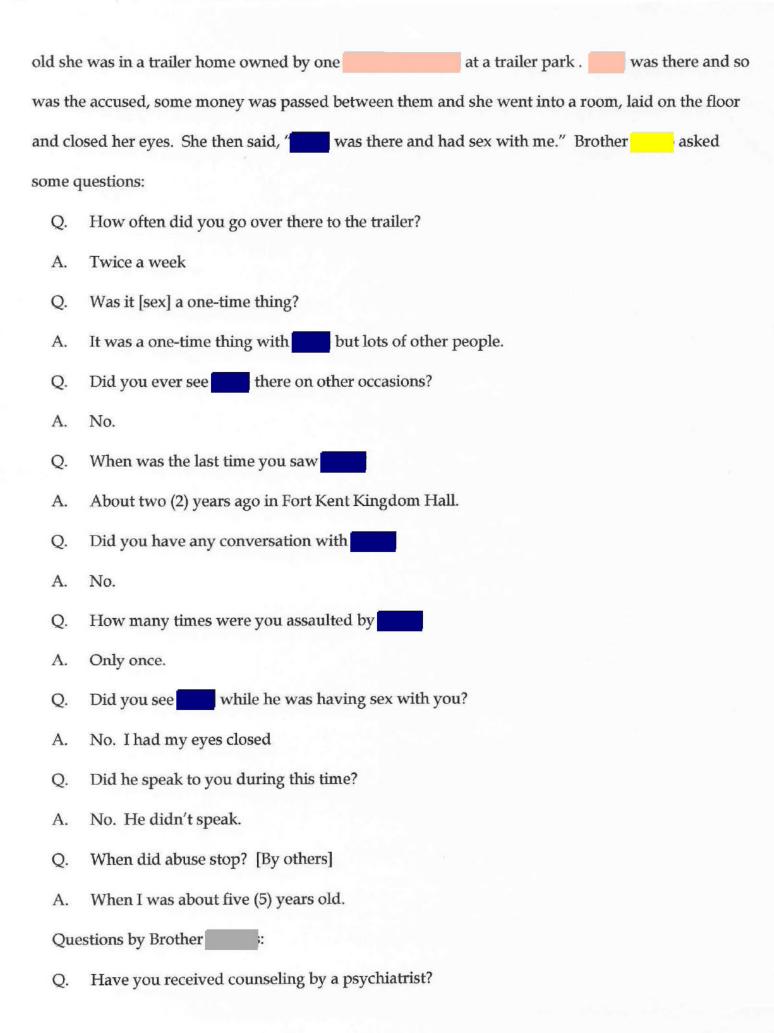
Your letter of March 27, 2000 advises no judicial action can be taken until the accuser, can be in a position to face her father, either in person or by conference call with two elders present to hear the interchange. Additionally, if is willing to face her father about the accusation she has against him the congregation can proceed if appropriate.

has been reluctant to face her father with her accusations of physical and sexual abuse and no action had been taken in the matter until Brother moved from the Palmer Massachusetts congregation to the Warehouse Point Congregation (Connecticut) in October 2002.

A more detailed report is given to this matter in the transmittal letter from the Palmer Congregation, which conveyed some information regarding accusations, by (Which see enclosed)

Subsequently Brother admitted his guilt in the accusations brought by and was disfellowshipped by the Warehouse Point Congregation. On August 7, 2004 the judicial committee in Warehouse Point met to consider the reinstatement of Brother and he was reinstated. (See their letter dated August 15, 2004 transmitted with the S-77 form. Also see Warehouse Point Congregation letter to Palmer Congregation, dated September 23, 2004, transmitting the Congregation's Publisher Record Card)





Q. Did you talk to the psychiatrist about the abuse?	
A. (Pause) No because it was vague in my memory	
Statement by	
On November 17, 2004 a meeting was scheduled with	to formally accuse her
father, of sexual abuse. This meeting was by telephor	ne conference. Present in West
Springfield, Massachusetts were Brother , who is the Pre	esiding Overseer, another elder-
Brother Tower, the accuser and her husband,	Present in Palmer,
Massachusetts were elders-	the accused.
After prayer and directions on how the meeting was to be condu	ucted, was asked
to make her statement to her father,	were substantially as outlined
in the printed material elsewhere in this letter. Her final statement	was that her father was a
danger to children.	
Statement by	

Yes.

A.

CONCLUSION:

The statement by seems credible on the face of it. Undoubtedly she has undergone trauma in her life and suffers emotionally. Considering the loss of her mother in death and the separation of her parents plus the fact that her mother has serious emotional problems must surely have played a part in her condition. We find no other reason to question the validity of her claim.

The statement by was short and left some doubts of its validity. She said she went into the room, laid on the floor and closed her eyes. When questioned whether her assailant spoke to her or if she saw him she said no, he didn't speak nor did she see him because her eyes were closed. She also said at the time she saw the psychiatrist the details of the encounter with the assailant were "vague". She was not for these reasons, considered a credible witness.

We therefore are still left with only one credible witness. Given the length of time that has past from when the alleged abuse began and when it stopped as well as the reliability of witnesses to recall events that occurred at such a young age it is difficult to know the whole truth. We may have to rely on Jehovah and his holy spirit to bring forth that elusive truth. (Luke 8:17)

It is difficult to review this case, discuss the problems involved, interview the principles and not be struck with the vicious and sometimes vehement attitudes on display.

It appears that some have enlisted others, not involved in the matter, to fight for their cause.

There are those who have shown a lack of confidence in the judicial arrangement within the congregation. This has only served to cast suspicion on the motives of those involved.

What reproach has fallen on Jehovah's name when someone has committed such heinous, flagitious acts as is alleged here! It would appear that these allegations have gone on for so long, involving gossip in a number of congregations, requiring countless hours to investigate and judicate and the cloud of suspicion still lingers. (Luke 15:8-10; w60 4/1 p.201)

There is no doubt that these girls have experienced trauma that has left them emotionally disturbed. The injury cannot be dismissed by saying "Forget it, get over it". Our heart goes out to them and we pray that Jehovah will soon bring to light the truth in the matter so that peace once again can be restored to the congregations and we can go on with the ministry and receive his blessing.

The feeling of the body in there is not sufficient evidence to farm a Judicial Com. We assort four Comments and fair further direction.

Re accusation of

Bro. and Bro. met with Bro. on 10-31-04 and revealed to him the accusation of sexual abuse brought against him by Bro. repeatedly and most assuredly expressed his innocents and denied the accusation.

