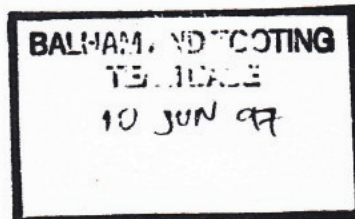


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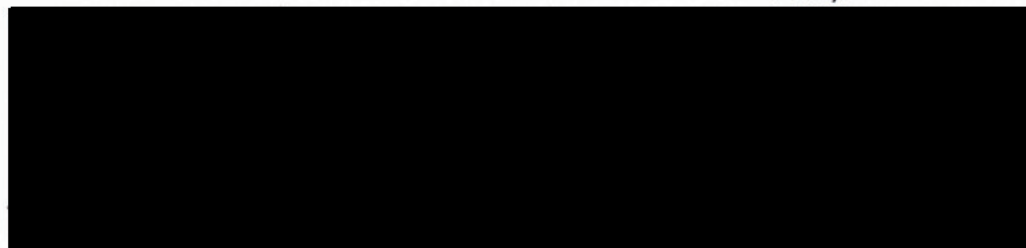
July 9th 1997

Dear Dr Raphael,

Re: Ms Carole Myers

Following our discussion I have now seen Carole Myers twice- once on Gunning Ward and yesterday on Vernon Ward.

As I explained to you on the telephone Ms Myers had the misfortune to be the first patient [redacted] and I worked with who had experienced chronic sadistic abuse and was so severely dissociative. I say misfortune because at that stage we did not have liaison with inpatient units with experience of these problems whereas now we are building up a dossier of colleagues able to work well with these problems. (Such as Dr Kingsley Norton at the Henderson who wrote a chapter on ritual abuse patient who went there for the book I edited and who has now worked with Dissociative Identity Disorder, Tycehurst Hospital, Dr Peter Whewell etc or Arbours).



In the period Dr Hale and I worked with Carole she was often in trance states. On one occasion she was dissociated to the point of having a different voice, expression and on being called by her name snapped furiously that it was not her name. She suffered from flashbacks, nightmares, was unable to wash her hair herself or drink water or eat many foods because of traumatic incidents.



The personality I had encountered previously [redacted] to me as did three others. They made clear that I was no threat to her loyalty to the Cult as I was so ignorant of their existence. However, Ms Myers herself was well aware of the feeling of disappointment that she experienced that I would not be properly equipped to recognise and treat these other states. One "personality" informed me that she would kill Carole by an overdose the moment they were discharged from hospital.