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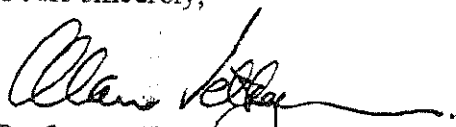
Dear John,

As you are aware, the University sought advice from independent lawyers on potential issues with respect to your recent involvement in the Tattersal's Hotel.

I have now received that advice which is based on a thorough examination of information provided by the University, including the report of an interview with yourself, and interviews with officers of the University.

I am satisfied with the advice that I have received, namely that neither Professor Pollard nor myself has any duty to report to the ICAC any matter arising out of the material involving yourself. Furthermore, the advice states that "All of the facts which are known tend to point strongly to the Chancellor not being guilty of any impropriety let alone *corrupt conduct*."

Yours sincerely,



Professor Alan G. Pettigrew

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