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COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE
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SECRETARY AND THE FOLLOWING
REFERENCE QUOTED:



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No. C 2123/65

May 21, 2007

Ms. Isabelle Zehnder
Founder and President
Coalition Against Institutionalized Child Abuse
1701 NW 1st Avenue
Battle Ground, WA 98604

Dear Ms. Zehnder

RE: Allegations of institutionalized child Abuse at the Caribbean Centre for Change/Tranquility Bay, St. Elizabeth.

This letter serves to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 27th of February 2007.

Tranquility Bay, otherwise known as the Caribbean Centre for Change, is registered under the Education Act of Jamaica as an Independent School. Kindly find enclosed a copy of the relevant sections of the Act for your convenience.

The Ministry is investigating the concerns raised in your letter regarding alleged mistreatment of students at Tranquility Bay. In addition, the Ministry has sought legal advice from the Attorney General's Chambers in connection with our investigations.

We will formally respond to the concerns raised in your letter as soon as we are in a position to do so. In the interim, you may contact Mrs. Yvonne Campbell, Registrar of Independent Schools, at the Ministry's address, should you have any questions or further concerns.

Sincerely,


HAYDEE M. GORDON
Legal Consultant
For Permanent Secretary

Attachments:

Cc: Hon. Maxine Henry-Wilson, Minister of Education
Mrs. Maria Jones, Permanent Secretary
Mrs. Yvonne Campbell, Registrar, Independent Schools

Honourable Maxine Henry-Wilson, **Minister**, Senator the Honourable Noel Monteith, **Minister of State**,
Mrs. Maria Jones, **Permanent Secretary**