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Ilissa Zimmerman, Esquire 770 Old Route 22 Duncansville, Pa. 16635

IN RE: Stephanie Kearns

Dear Ilissa:

As you may recall, I am counsel for Robert Kearns, Jr., the natural father of the minor child Stephanie Kearns.

I received a copy of Darlee Sill's letter to you under date of January 15, 1997.

While I don't argue that an examination of this child may be appropriate in light if the items attached to my copy of the letter, I do strongly disagree with the suggestion by Attorney Sill.

First of all, Dr. Nancy Baker is not the only child psychologist available to do such examinations. I would submit to you that Dr. Kim Foster is every bit as competent and qualified and I do not believe that she carries the same "baggage" as Dr. Baker. Accordingly, I would indicate to you that my client is agreeable to having this child evaluated by Dr. Kim Foster but we will not agree to an evaluation by Dr. Baker.

May I suggest that you may want to meet with this child again before deciding whether or not such an evaluation is necessary, in your opinion.

Please let me know your thoughts relative to this matter.

Sincerely

Donald E. Speice

P.S.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Exceptions I have previously filed and neglected to send you.

cc: Darlee Sill, Esquire Mr. Robert Kearns, Jr.