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Reply: ISKCON Hong Kong

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ISKCON Dallas

Dear Sri Rama Prabhu,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter dated August 12th, 1991 addressed to His Holiness Bhaktividyapurna Swami and His Grace Naresvara Prabhu. I totally share with you the concern that you express in your letter and many of the questions which you wrote had also occurred to me. I am very much interested to see how they will answer these penetrating questions.

Recently I received a letter from the mother of one of the children who was molested. She is a disciple of mine named [redacted]. Her son's name is [redacted] dasa. At the time of writing this letter the child abuse incidents report had not yet been issued. She was writing me a report about her son and stated "he is not staying in the ashrama because I am worried about the prospect of him becoming another name on the long list of boys who are experimenting with sex. It is not something that the faculty of the school likes to discuss or even admit to." The letter ends with another note dated July 9th, 1991 in which she mentions that since the letter was typed some rather shocking revelations have been made about twenty-five boys being involved in sexual abuse.

[redacted] serves as a [redacted] at the gurukula and from her letter it is clear that the "faculty at the school" seem to have had prior knowledge of sexual abuse. I thought that you would find this information an important piece of evidence. I would appreciate your notifying me of the results of any further investigations that are held there.

Hoping this meets you well.

Your servant,

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Dear Tamal Krishna Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for your letter of September 18th, which I just read on my return from the Soviet Union.

As you pointed out, there is quite a bit of evidence the school faculty was aware the school had serious problems. Bhaktarupa Prabhu wrote back answering my questions as best he could. However, some issues need to be addressed by Bhaktividya Purna Swami and Naresvara Prabhu.

I'm presently trying to raise enough money for plane fare so I can spend a couple of weeks at the Mayapur school during November or December. If you know anyone who could help with a few hundred dollars, I would appreciate it.

Since the report was sent out, Bhaktividya Purna Swami resigned and has been replaced by Dayaram Prabhu.

I would welcome any other thoughts you have on this subject.

Hope this meets you in good health and Krishna consciousness.

Your servant,

Sri Rama das