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 Subject: **CH 1998 D No. 2149 JOHN ALFRED DONOVAN And SHELL UK LIMITED**
 Date: Tue, 12 Nov 2002 09:57:55 -0500

Mr Peter Smith
 Clerk to Mr Justice Laddie

Dear Mr Smith

CH 1998 D No. 2149

JOHN ALFRED DONOVAN And SHELL UK LIMITED

My name is Alfred Ernest Donovan. I was a Defendant to the Counterclaim in the above action and I am the father of John Donovan. I am now residing overseas and amazingly still alive at 85, although probably with only a short time left.

About a year ago Mr Richard Wiseman, the Legal Director of Shell, used the "Judges Comments" arising from the above trial to deliberately torpedo my son's relationship with a third party company. He made derogatory comments in writing based on what he claimed Mr Justice Laddie had stated. Mr Wiseman offered to supply the relevant company with a copy of the Judges Comments. During the course of subsequent correspondence, my son deduced (and Mr Wiseman did not deny) that contrary to the terms of the peace settlement approved by the Court, Shell had used the same information in other material circulated after the trial had concluded. My son consequently informed Mr Wiseman that Shell had acted in material breach and had thus repudiated the relevant agreements.

Because of these events and a gratuitous comment made by Mr Wiseman about me, I decided to write my memoirs, with a focus in particular on my extraordinary relationship with Shell, which stretches back over 40 years and of course the legal battles with them.

Over the last 12 months I have carried out a considerable amount of research and now have a complete draft manuscript. However I would like to confirm whether one assumption I have made is true as I do not want to publish (on the Internet or elsewhere) anything which is inaccurate.

Commonsense suggests that it is safe for me to assume (as I have) that as Mr Justice Laddie felt it proper to disclose his participation in the Shell Smart scheme prior to the trial, he would have also disclosed if he had any professional and/or social contact with Mr Tom Moody-Stuart. I say this bearing in mind that Tom Moody-Stuart is the son of the then Group Chairman of the Royal Dutch Shell Group and consequently any such connection would have much greater potential significance than being a mere participant in the Shell Smart scheme. I am aware of the mutual association with 8 New Square and with various individuals at the chambers.

By way of further background information, you may possibly recall that during the course of the trial Mr Justice Laddie was given copies of my correspondence with Lady Judy Moody-Stuart (correspondence instigated by her). The Moody-Stuart family name was caught up in the trial and we were subsequently informed that Sir Mark personally approved the eventual settlement of the case even though it involved a subsidiary company.

I would be grateful if Mr Justice Laddie would confirm through you that my assumption is correct.

Yours sincerely
Alfred Ernest Donovan

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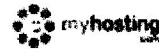
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Peter Smith

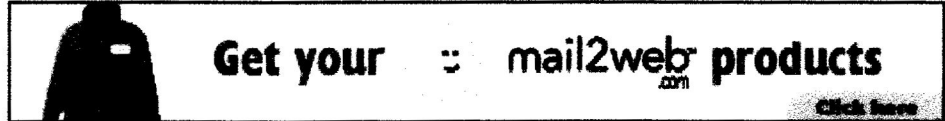
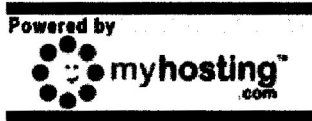
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Dear Mr Donovan

I received a repeat message today and in reply send you a copy of my original reply which still stands.

Regards

Peter Smith

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