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3rd September 1998

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Dear Sir

I act for ANZ Banking Group Ltd, Solomon Islands and I have been instructed to reply in writing to your letter of 27/8/98.

My client will not agree to your requests on the following grounds:-

1. Unless and until the High Court of Solomon Islands declares the power of attorney dated 11/1/98 is valid and enforceable my client will not recognise it.

There are several grounds on which the validity can be questioned e.g it purports to deal with registered land but it was not registered under the Land & Titles Act and is therefore void. Robert Pule is no longer alive. The fact that the document is stamped is not evidence of validity, it merely shows that duty was paid as required by law.

You have not been appointed administrator of the late Father Pule's estate by the High Court so you have no legal authority to represent the estate and my client cannot therefore give you copies of any of the documents you have requested.

I hope this answers your queries. My client is not willing to enter into further correspondence in the absence of the Court orders referred to in 1 & 2 above.

Yours faithfully

ANDREW RADCLYFFE

cc: Head of Credit & Personal Banking

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