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05 January 2001

Dear Mr Zimmer

ALLEGATION OF FRAUD

It has been acknowledged your correspondence dated 29 December 2000 with respect to the allegation of fraud against a Patent Attorney.

This matter has been assessed by our Operations Monitoring Centre (OMC). The OMC took into account a number of factors including the gravity/sensitivity of the matter, the current investigational workload, available resources and whether any Commonwealth laws have been breached. The AFP is not resourced to investigate every complaint made to it and must consider each case to decide whether or not to allocate the required investigative resources. It is not possible that the AFP can investigate all allegations made, even when there is sufficient information to suggest there is a breach of the law.

As part of the priority setting process, regard must also be had to the existence and nature of any alternative solutions to the particular problem. Those alternative solutions may include investigation by other bodies or agencies, regulatory action, or civil process notwithstanding prima facie evidence of a criminal offence.

The decision by the OMC is to not proceed with your matter as it does not fall within our jurisdiction. The suggested course of action is to file a complaint under and complying with the patent legislation.

Yours faithfully,



Zoe Vercoe
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NSW POLICE SERVICE

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NSW Police investigation into allegations of a fraud raised against Paul R Taylor and Associates (Patent Attorneys) of Mosman.

The complainant in the matter Mr Klaus ZIMMER-VORHAUS, is the owner of Kwickset Konstruktion Kits Pty Ltd. In 1993 the business engaged the services of Paul R Taylor and Associates of Mosman to Patent two devices of the companies design.

The patents for each design were to be taken out in ten countries. It was later discovered by the complainant that the funds forwarded to Taylor had not been forwarded overseas in respect to the patent agreement.

On the 7th February, 2000, Taylor was interviewed by Police. Taylor stated that he had forward all monies overseas in honour of the agreement with the complainant. Taylor requested several weeks to prepare documentation to prove his assertion. There was no direct evidence from the overseas patent attorneys to negate Taylor's defence at that stage. Taylor sought legal advise and no documentation or comment was further coming.

In July 2000, email requests were forwarded to the ten overseas patent attorneys involved in the patent application. A statement in accordance with the Justices Act was sought from each attorney. Only three statements were received and these were from Thailand, Indonesia and South Africa. In all cases it was stated that no money was received from Taylor in respect to the patent applications.

A case was established against Taylor who appeared to have fraudulently misappropriated the monies forwarded to him by the complainant. The NSW Police service declined to sponsor the overseas witnesses to give evidence in court proceedings in Australia based a cost benefit analysis and the nature of the allegation.

Legal advice was sought from the Operational Advice Section as to whether the evidence could be presented under the s65 of the Evidence Act. It was confirmed that the evidence could not be tendered under this provision, as the witness were 'available' as defined by the dictionary of the act. To proceed with the complaint the witnesses would need to be available to give evidence and be cross-examined.

The complainant has been advised of the result of the investigation and all original files returned to him.

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B.YOUNG.
Detective Senior Constable.
29 January 2001.

MEMO TITLE: REQUEST FOR PA
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Request for PASS Entry
(Fax to Field Services: 029384 6451 E/N 46451)

Family Name: TAYLOR
Given Names: PAUL ROBERT
Date of Birth: 17 APRIL 1949 Sex: MALE

Alias: Nee:
Reason for PASS inclusion: SUSPECT FOR FRAUDULENT MISSAPPROPRIATION OFFENCES.

Action entering Australia:
Action leaving Australia: DETAIN AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY DETECTIVE S/CST B.YOUNG OIC OF MATTER

Contacts: Urgent notification? YES / NO

Names: Telephone: (24 HOURS)
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After hours: MOBILE NUMBERS AS ABOVE.

Information (including value of offence):
. TAYLOR IS A SUSPECT FOR FRAUDULENT MISSAPPROPRIATION OFFENCES TOTALLING \$100,000.
. IF ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE AUSTRALIA HE IS TO BE ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY BY NSW POLICE.

Warrant or Bail (warrant details, where held, bail details concerning points of departure etc):

W/A
Jurisdiction of Court: W/A :

Extradition Approved: YES / NO Country of Birth: W/A

Subjects Address: 6/732 MILITARY RD MOSMAN. NSW.

Citizenship/Nationality: AUSTRALIAN

Height: .175cm . . cm Build: Fat Complexion: .Medium. . .

Hair: Red / Brown . . . Eyes: Brown . . . Disfigurement:

Occupation: . Patent Attorney

Nationality of Passport: Australia . . . Passport Number: . E7513369 .

Originator: *(Handwritten initials)*

Name: .B.YOUNG Rank: D/S/CST Date: 8.2.2000

Authorised: *(Handwritten signature)*

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