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Dear Sir,

MACKENZIE v CARLYLE

We very much appreciate the courtesy which you extended to our Mr. Christie this morning, in connection with the enquiries which we were making with regard to a Mr. John Logan Carlyle, and as suggested during the discussion which our Mr. Christie had with you, we now furnish you with the information available to us with regard to the parties to these proceedings, in order that you may have as much information as possible to assist you in the enquiries which you are prepared to make for us on your return to Canada.

Our client is Miss Mary Catherine Mackenzie, aged twenty-nine years, and a Graduate B.Sc. of the University of Washington, U.S.A. Miss Mackenzie is a Nurse and trained Bacteriologist and Radiologist. She is a Canadian by birth, and prior to coming to Australia practised as a Nurse and X-ray Operator in Vancouver. Miss Mackenzie was born on the 29th July 1905, and is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murdock Mackenzie of Teeswater, County of Ontario, Canada. Her father was a well-known Insurance man, who died when she was about four years of age, when a Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Mackenzie of Portage, Manitoba took charge of her, he was an uncle of her father.

The Defendant is John Logan Carlyle, and he informed our client that he was associated with the Shell Oil Company in Australia, but enquiries from that source have proved fruitless. From other enquiries we have made we find he is associated in some manner with Oil Search Limited, whose office is 350 George Street, Sydney. We understand that his sister is Mrs. James Hawkins of 212 West 15th Avenue, Vancouver. He informed Miss Mackenzie that he was 45 years of age, but appears to be a man over 50 years, with very white hair, about 5 foot 9 inches in height, very blue eyes, wears horn-rimmed glasses, and has a fair bright complexion. He poses as an Oil expert, is usually well-dressed, and claims to be comfortably off, and has stated that his credit is unlimited. So far as we have been able to ascertain his associations in Australia have been mainly with the employees of the Claude Neon Company. We understand that he spent some years of his life on the

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