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Hon Shane Stone
Member for Port Darwin

Hand delivered.

Dear Shane,

I was saddened to learn of your resignation as Chief Minister as I believed you brought a fresh and dynamic approach to the CLP and the Northern Territory with particular reference to business and commercial enterprise.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you extended to me when I initially opened my own consultancy, your words in support of my Churchill Fellowship gave my small business a kick start.

Although I wonder sometimes at my sanity in the energy it has taken to survive let alone thrive in small business, but I suppose life is full of choices, some forced upon us, other choices freely taken.

I trust that your future endeavours will bring you health, wealth and happiness, which I believe are essential commodities for surviving change.

I look forward to catching up with you in the future and I would be happy to offer my assistance to you should you require it.

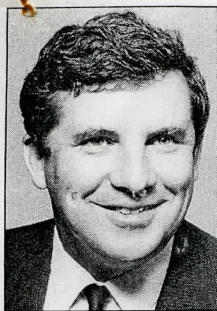
Kindest regards,

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Maggie Rutherford
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Dear Maggie

Thank you for your kind letter hand delivered on 11 February, 1999. I apologise for not responding earlier but I have been endeavouring to work my way through an avalanche of mail that has been written to me in very personal terms and which demands an equally personal response.

I was always pleased to support you in your Churchill Fellowship and very proud of your accomplishments.

I remember that you went through a relatively difficult period but you kept your head up and vindicated the faith that I have placed in you.

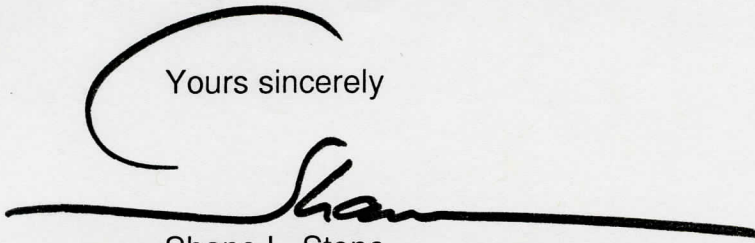
One has highs and lows in politics, rewards and disappointments but I reflect back on my time as a Minister and Chief Minister with a great deal of satisfaction.

As you are probably aware, there has been speculation that I am being considered for the federal presidency of the Liberal Party. Despite the disparaging views of some, I would have thought that such was very much in the Territory's interest and I intend to pursue the position.

All other matters to one side, Josephine and I look forward to living in Darwin and ultimately I will return to the private sector where I can pick up the threads that I left almost 10 years ago.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me and no doubt I will have an opportunity to see you again on some future occasion.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shane", is written over a long horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Shane L. Stone