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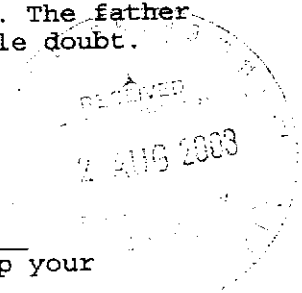
Dear Secretary,

My name is Altricio Tan and I would like to make the following submission for the Inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation:

1. Justice delayed is justice denied. Therefore, shared child custody must be automatic and must be on equal terms for both parents;
2. If the mother makes child-abuse allegation against the father, this allegation must be thoroughly investigated. While the matter is being investigated, the father will have supervised contact with the children. In this case, the mother must make contact arrangement with a contact agency immediately. Again, this must be automatic;
3. The mother must not be dictating terms. The father must never have to go through all that hassle of fighting every step of the way just to see his children. The father must not have to pay for his legal cost if the mother is simply enjoying free legal aid;
4. If the mother is found to be making false allegation, she must be charged with perjury. If the mother provokes domestic violence to obtain AVO, she must be penalized for abusing the system;
5. The Department of Community Services, the child protection specialists, the children's legal representatives, or any authority must never assume that ALL fathers abuse their children and ALL mothers never lie. The father must be considered innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt.

Yours faithfully,

Altricio Tan



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