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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Submission to the Inquiry into child custody arrangements in the event of family separation

In my case, the decision by a Family Court Judge in 2000 to reject my proposal for shared residency was mainly based on allegations by the mother about difficulties in communicating with the father. This was a bad decision that reduced the contact between the children and their father to once a fortnight. It is very often the case when people separate or divorce that communications between the parties it not at its best. However this should never be a reason to reduce the children's contact with one of their parents in such an imbalanced way.

If required, I am willing to provide you with more detailed information about my case, either in person or in writing.

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Thank you very much for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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