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10 April, 1984.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

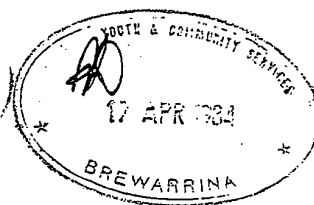
I refer to your correspondence to Sergeant 3rd Class W. Galvin, Officer in Charge, Police Aborigine Liaison Unit, of 11 November, 1983, in which you outline and supply reports regarding an allegation of Child Mistreatment against a Miss. Leonie Patricia Knight by Mr. Gordon, Manager of Bethcar Children's Home, Brewarrina.

This matter has been investigated by Detective Sergeant V.G. Reid of Bourke Police Station, Detective Sergeant 1st Class B.W. Rope, Officer in Charge, Police Child Mistreatment Unit, and Sergeant Galvin. The result of inquiries by these Police reveal the absence of a complaint that would substantiate court action and a reluctance by the alleged complainant and her parents to assist Police with their inquiries. It is the belief of all Police involved that any further Police action in this matter would be unsuccessful and would only result in undermining the relationship that currently exists between Police and the Aboriginal Community in this area.

I have discussed this matter at some length with Sergeant Galvin of the Aborigine Liaison Unit and he firmly endorsed this view, in particular, the possibility of damaging relationships between the Police and Aborigines.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter.

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Superintendent in Charge.



RDO Brewarrina for your info.