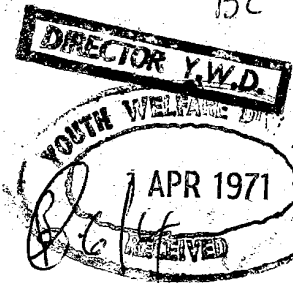


Progress Report

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TURANA PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC

NAME: Robert CUMMINGS.
AGE: 16 years.
LOCATION: Quamby section, Turana.
DATE: 24/3/71.



Since my last report of 17/2/71 Robert has been assessed at the Parkville Professorial Unit and accepted for behaviour therapy treatment homosexuality by Mr. T. Verbeene, Psychologist at that Unit. Actual treatment is starting today and will consist of a trial of perhaps some 20 sessions, once or twice a week over a period of two to three months.

IN INTERVIEW:

Robert showed more impressive indications of motivation for treatment today. Despite his fear of the shock treatment involved he is quite prepared to go ahead with this type of therapy in the hope it will help him. This improved motivation gives a consequent improved hope that the treatment may be effective.

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR:

Robert's behaviour has been unexceptionable except for two episodes in which he has been caught mutually masturbating with other boys. In both these instances, according to Robert the instigator was the other boy, one of whom was subsequently shifted to Poplar House.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) To continue with behaviour therapy as detailed above.
- (2) To remain in Quamby while he is still actively homosexual in his habits, ^{with} perhaps a future removal to an open section if he responds to the course of treatment.

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