

FAMILY WELFARE DIVISION

On Wednesday 12th July, 1972, I had reason to interview a few boys at Bayswater Boys Home. As I left the school building a number of boys approached me to tell me about an officer who, they said, frequently hit them. REDACTED and REDACTED were the only two names I gathered, but altogether, the group totalled about ten boys.

These boys detailed accounts of Mr. REDACTED, this was the name of the officer, hitting them, and unjustly chastising them e.g. making them go without food. Apparently there have been accounts of this treatment before, chiefly from REDACT Laughton to his Social Worker, Mr. George, who has now left this Section. The hitting apparently amounts to slaps across the face REDACTED, and kicks to the backside. The boys seemed very worried about this.

I decided to report these accusations to Mr. Joyce, supervisor of Voluntary Homes for further action.

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