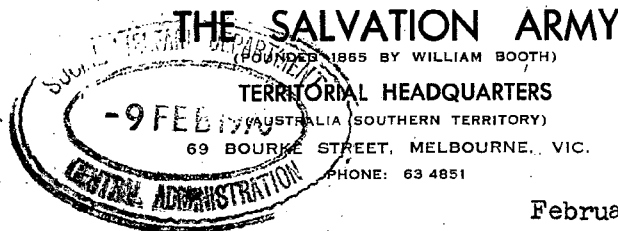


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February 6, 1970

Mr. A. Booth,
Director of Family Welfare,
Social Welfare Department,
1 Macarthur Street,
MELBOURNE. 3000



Dear Mr. Booth,

re: BOX HILL BOYS' HOME.

I have received your letter of the 29th ult. with the copy of your notes taken at the visit to the above Home on December 31, 1969, in connection with the allegations of corporal punishment by staff.

You can rest assured that we have reprimanded Mr. Stolk for any excessive disciplinary measures and have warned him that such will not be tolerated or countenanced at any time by any member of the staff.

For your information we have already instituted measures aimed at reducing the tensions that tend to build up in both staff and children when large numbers are together in congregate care, and also the fostering of more intimate staff/child relationships.

Broadly speaking, this will considerably reduce our numbers to 50/60 inmates and to ease staff pressures and to provide better intimate and relaxed living opportunities for the boys, it is proposed to divide them, especially in the Howard House Section, in two different groups which will operate as independently as possible.

This should help us considerably until we are able to look into the whole question of Child Care as it relates to present day demands and a policy is formulated as to the future of this particular Complex.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
C. Stevenson) Lt.-Colonel,

TERRITORIAL MEN'S SOCIAL SECRETARY

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