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**GREGORY SUTTON
EXTRADITION FROM THE USA
QUESTION OF FURTHER CHARGES**

Sutton has been arrested in the USA on 24 sexual offences against 7 former pupils at Lismore's St Carthage's School. Sutton was a Marist brother at the school.

The hearing of the extradition is fixed for 28 August, 1995 (US time). However, as a result of media reports of his arrest last weekend, the mother of a complainant in respect to similar conduct by Sutton when teaching at Campbelltown contacted police early this week.

Statements had been taken in respect to this and another complainant in 1989 but could not be located by police. Fresh statements were taken and received last Friday afternoon. Ms Phiels, to her credit, over the weekend prepared an advice recommending 12 further charges.

I agree with her advice, each complainant corroborates the other and I am of the view that these Campbelltown offences should be included in the application for extradition.

The US authorities have been alerted as to the possibility of further offences and, if additional charges are laid, will seek a three week adjournment today (US time).

Submitted for your concurrence to proceeding with these charges on Sutton's return to this State.

I will notify Canberra of your decision.

Agree.
N R Cowdery
 28.8.95

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