

**Statement of Graham Thomson, former headmaster of BBC, taken on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2002 at 2.30 pm.**

Late one afternoon in 1980 2 senior boarders, one of whom was a prefect, reported to me that they were concerned about the irregular conduct of Mr Knight.

The allegations were sufficient for me to see Mr Knight immediately and lay before him the allegations. I was struck by the fact that he was unable to answer them and this confirmed my deepest suspicions as to his activities.

The allegations were so disturbing to me that I consulted the BBC Chairman of School Council whom I believe was Bernie Stein at that time. We agreed that Mr Knight be given 24 hours notice to go. Mr Knight made absolutely no effort to refute the allegations, and I was convinced that he was guilty of the allegations.

Two reports came to me:

1. A Senior Prefect in Philip House where Mr Knight was a boarding master complained to Mr Knight of a football injury to the groin. The boy was told to take a shower but the water was cold in the boarding house so Mr Knight offered him a hot shower in his flat. The boy can't remember if there was any massaging of his groin.

A second Senior told me that Mr Knight was fastidious about boys putting their towels over their shoulders, not around their bodies, going to and coming from their showers. The boys were not comfortable with this arrangement and used to drape their towels as low as possible over their shoulders in order to cover, as best they could, their genitalia.

2. Came from a third party, the Chaplain Ron Holt. A boarder complained to him that Mr Knight was teaching the boys how to arouse themselves.

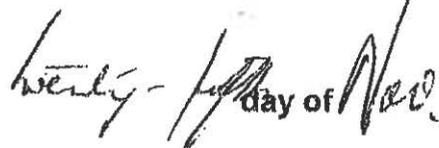
Ron Holt said that he and Mr Knight often met socially and that he (Ron Holt) was aghast at the allegations.

I was later surprised to receive a call from Gilbert Case, the Headmaster at St Paul's School, where Mr Knight had applied for a position in the music department, after his departure from BBC.

Mr Case wanted to know the circumstances of Mr Knight's leaving BBC. I told him the facts of the case and the reasons for Mr Knight's dismissal.

Mr Case, to my immense surprise, went ahead and appointed him, but he was discharged apparently after about 6 months.

Signed  and dated this  
Graham Thomson

 day of Nov. 2002

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