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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (G.W.)

M. Add For information

2nd March, 1966.

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RETTA DIXON HOME

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I feel that many of the cottage parents and other staff at Retta Dixon have not sufficient training or insight to have the complete charge of children and respectfully suggest some action is initiated to enable closer supervision of all children in Retta Dixon and particularly State Children.

Mr Paddamore for some fifteen years can well aware of his attitudes in certain areas. The matters you mention & some others are already being considered by A/AO & DDO. Cameron

[Signature]
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Social Worker

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