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REPORT ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS
MADE THROUGH SOLICITORS, JOHNSTON & JOHNSTON, DATED
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On the morning of the 27th May, 1970, I interviewed Salvation Army Officer, Brigadier Findlay in my office. This followed a telephone call to Brigadier Semmens who is the State Secretary for the Salvation Army Social Services. He was leaving for New South Wales and therefore was unable to attend to the matters I wished to raise with him. However, his assistant, Brigadier Findlay was available.

I advised Brigadier Findlay of the complaints and arranged to visit the Home during the afternoon at such a time that I would have some contact with the boys. Brigadier Findlay then stated that this occurrence had not been unexpected, in that they had recently experienced difficulties with a member of staff at the Home; this staff member had threatened the Manager with referral to this Department.

At this point, Brigadier Findlay clarified his own position. As assistant he is not involved directly with the Home's activities. However, after receiving my telephone call, Brigadier Semmens had discussed the present situation at the Home with him.

I confirmed that the complainant was a Mr. Tunks, an assistant at the Home, but pointed out that the matter had been referred through Solicitors to the Minister of Social Welfare.

The staff of the Home is as follows:-

Manager	Brigadier Lawler
Assistant Manager	Captain Kop
2 male assistants	Sergeant Ellis
	Mr. Tunk
1 female assistant	Brigadier Goodwin
2 domestics	Mrs. Brenton
	Position to be filled.

On arriving at the Home, most of my time was spent in discussion with Brigadier Lawler, and Brigadier Findlay. However, Brigadier Lawler had the tendency to refer to his members of staff for expressions of loyalty and adequacy of care provided in the Home. This resulted in some discussions with the school teacher, Mr. Heinz, and a Salvation Army Officer, who has an unofficial part-time role as assistant to the Manager, a Major Osborne. The Major is an officer stationed at the Woodside Army Camp but, because of his close proximity to the Home, he visits often and has, in fact, quarters in the Home. He assists with the general supervision and management of the boys. However, when these officers were involved in discussions, management of the boys was referred to only in general terms.

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ASSISTANT SENIOR WELFARE OFFICER