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INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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To: THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Attention:

Subject: RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -

Date: 19/10/82

ALLEGATIONS RE CARE OF CHILD WHILST IN EDEN PARK
BOYS HOME

At the Residential Child Care Advisory Committee on 16/9/82, Ms. Carol Vincent, from the Little Para House Incorporated, who is a member of the Committee, gave an account of an alleged incident at Eden Park which had been verbally reported to her by an ex member of staff at Eden Park and a youth who was formerly cared for at Eden Park, but who now resided at the Little Para House.

The report indicated that punitive measures had been taken in dealing with the boy by beating him and making him stand outside in the cold in his pyjamas late at night.

Members of the Advisory Committee were quite concerned about these allegations and requested that they be brought to your attention because of your licensing responsibility for Eden Park.



R. A. SQUIRES

SECRETARY

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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I asked Capt. Meaby about supervision arrangements for boys in the dormitories and was informed that Section Leaders remain on duty in the units until the boys are settled in bed (usually 9.00 p.m.). The Captain and his lieutenant then go through the units two or three times during the night (usually until 11.00 p.m.), to ensure that the boys have settled.

In summary, the following action was taken:-

- Capt. Meaby informed Brigadier Steer of the allegations.
- REDACTED was interviewed by Capt. Meaby.
- Capt. Meaby discussed the allegations with Mrs. REDACTED.
- REDACTED was taken to the Rape Crisis Centre by Mr. Le Maistre and REDACTED by his mother.
- REDACTED and REDACTED were interviewed by Capt. Meaby and sent home.
- The Mount Barker Police were notified by Capt. Meaby and the matter referred to Adelaide C.I.B.
- There are periods during the day when boys are unsupervised.
- During the night except for period checks, there is no adult in the immediate vicinity of the dormitories.

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