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4th January, 1977

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The Director of Special Education,
Department of Education,
Old Treasury Building,
Queen Street,
BRISBANE. Q. 4000.

Dear Sir,

Re: Salvation Army - Endeavour Training Farm,
Riverview

Advice has been received from the Salvation Army that this Institution for boys will cease operations on 12th January, 1977. In view of our earlier discussions, I am passing this advice on to you.

The school age boys remaining (estimated to be five at present) will be transferred to "Alkira" Salvation Army boys' home at Indoooopilly. It is desired that these boys continue to attend the Goodna Opportunity School so that,

- (a) they will not have to change schools as well as place of residence, and
- (b) the Barcoona Opportunity School will not be overloaded with boys from "Alkira".

As you are aware, there are already a number of boys from "Alkira" attending the Barcoona Opportunity School and it is not desired that a larger number from the one home go there as this could cause difficulties which are lessened by sending boys to a number of different schools. Opportunity school children are often difficult to place in residential care and to have only the one opportunity school available may reduce the number of these boys the Department is able to place at "Alkira". This possibility the Department obviously desires to avoid.

The movement of children from Riverview to Indoooopilly homes was discussed with your officers on 12th May, 1976 and the matter of transport was also mentioned. Your officers indicated then that your Department would continue to accept responsibility for the transport of boys who may be transferred to "Alkira" to the Goodna school. In speaking with Brigadier Reddie today, he did not feel confident about the continuation of the arrangement and said he was awaiting further advice from you.

It is desired therefore that consideration be given to transporting boys from "Alkira" to Goodna on the same basis as you have arranged their transport from Riverview to Goodna as indicated by your officers on 12th May, 1976, so that the boys being transferred do not have to change schools and possibly also so that other opportunity school boys placed at "Alkira" may have the

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benefit of a selection of schools to be arranged in consultation with your staff.

Yours faithfully,


Director.