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DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Subject: Endeavour Training Farm, RIVERVIEW

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The situation at Riverview, which has already been the subject of a report, is not improving. A further detailed report is being prepared following visits to Riverview by Mr. I. Schmidt and myself.

Over the weekend, another young boy was the subject of a homosexual assault from an older boy and this younger boy's mother could be making an official report about the happening.

Major Bennett, the Superintendent of Riverview, is most concerned about the situation and after consultation with his superiors has indicated his desire that the maximum number of boys at the Home be progressively reduced from 60 to 30 by not taking any new admissions and for the minimum age of boys to be raised to 14½ years.

I have agreed with some reluctance that this is the only immediate solution to the problem as the Salvation Army seems incapable of relieving the current hopeless staff situation.

*R. Smith*

A/Principal Child Care Officer

27th November, 1973

DIRECTOR

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