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The Director,  
STATE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT,  
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Dear Sir,

Re RIVERVIEW.

Following up our conversation of Thursday last, in reference to the above Institution, I can only say how very much we regret the necessity of having to have had an enquiry such as was deemed necessary by your department, but I must say, I consider the report of same, as read to Major Axon and myself, to be very fair indeed.

I will not attempt to make any excuse for what has been done or not done, but at the same time, I feel that you fully appreciate the class of boys involved, and just what very difficult problems they are.

However, despite this, we must admit that Major Dawson, whilst being a very good man, has not proved himself to be a successful Manager. Had he carried out our regulations and instructions, this unfortunate enquiry, would not have been necessary, and consequently we are taking him out of Riverview at once, and appointing an Officer, whom we feel will come up to all that will be reasonably expected of him, both by your department and the Salvation Army.

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We have always prided ourselves on the manner of conducting our Institutions, and of our treatment of the inmates, and I can assure you, if given a chance, we will again see that Riverview is brought into line.

We have definitely decided to put the whole place in good order, and have it repaired and painted throughout. When this is done, we will see that the ex-prisoners are kept absolutely separate, as indeed was our intention, and as a matter of fact our instructions. We will also, as far as possible, keep the sub-normals by themselves, and I think I can say when the repairs etc., are done, and under the direction of a new, and I trust capable Manager, there will be no further cause for complaint.

Thanking you for your courtesy at our interview, and wishing you the Compliments of the Season.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



Lieut- Colonel.  
MEN'S SOCIAL SECRETARY.

6 JAN 1937