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INTERVIEW REPORT
Mr Lynden Hopper and Lt Colonel W Kinder
Friday 3rd May 1996

EX-RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS - EP

Outlined below are the main areas of discussion. They are not recorded in order of importance or necessarily in the order in which they were discussed.

1. The purpose of the interview was to give Lynden Hopper the opportunity to brief Lt Colonel Kinder on his interview with EP and his wife at the Pastoral Care Centre, Earlwood on Thursday 2nd May 1996.

2. Some of the points made by EP
 - ! Claims to have been sexually abused and raped by both Officers and other residents of the Bexley Boys' Home.
 - ! It is only because he is a very intelligent and strong personality that he saved his life from being in a terrible mess like some of the ex-Bexley residents.
 - ! He has a file on Bexley with accumulation of material including photographs. He has contacts with many people, families of sufferers and believes it would not be at all difficult for him to fill the Sydney Town Hall. He claims to have the history book which went missing from the Heritage Centre. He advises that he will not damage it, just wants to read it and he will return it in due course.
 - ! He could go public but does not want to because he believes it will hurt both The Salvation Army and the people we are trying to help - but desperately needs help himself.

3. The interview lasted for approximately two hours and it was very tense but in the main EP retained his composure. He indicated he was sick of talking to people and felt that he had spoken to a number of people previously in The Salvation Army and was just not getting anywhere.

4. A Laurie Wilson was named as one about whom the complaint was made. . .

5. In the interview Lynden Hopper made the following points clear to EP and his wife:
 - ! Although he was a solicitor he was not instructed by The Salvation Army in this matter and was in this situation speaking to them as a member of the Public Questions Board.
 - ! The Salvation Army was listening.

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Regarding* EP

- I The Salvation Army has and would continue to treat his complaints seriously.
 - I Lynden Hopper agreed that he would prepare a report of the interview and provide both The Salvation Army and EP with a copy.
 - I Lynden Hopper previously had informed Lt Colonel Kinder that he had been contacted by EP barrister who had asked for a copy of any report of the interview and Lynden Hopper had agreed to supply this.
 - I In response to EP assessment that he needed counselling Lynden Hopper said The Salvation Army would be happy to arrange and pay for counselling and agreed that EP could make his own arrangements and advise The Salvation Army.
6. Lt Colonel Kinder endorses the action taken by Lynden Hopper regarding counselling, however, the only concern he expressed was that some time frame or financial parameters will need to be set.
7. Lynden Hopper and Lt Colonel Kinder discussed the forthcoming meeting plan for Monday 13th May. Lt Colonel Kinder referred to material from the joint Territorial Public Questions Board which has been circulated to attendees and also of confidential copies of all correspondence regarding this matter which have been provided to Lynden Hopper.
8. Lynden Hopper proposed consideration be given to inviting Graeme Sapwell of the Southern Territory to attend the meeting of May 13th and Lt Colonel Kinder agreed to speak to the Chief Secretary urgently about this proposal.

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