



TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS
SYDNEY

MEMORANDUM
THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Lieut-Colonel Derrick Jessop
SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL

Dear Colonel

RE: LETTER FROM [ET] EX-BEXLEY.

I regularly correspond with [ET] who is in prison in Victoria and received another letter from him today. He has written a 96 page history/autobiography of his time at the Bexley Boys' Home in which he describes abuse from other boys and staff and well as the day to day routines of the home.

[ET] is waiting to be interviewed by Sydney detectives as part of their investigation of allegations of abuse at Bexley.

My concern is that [ET] said he received a letter from "a prominent reporter" asking for his experiences at Bexley. [ET] says, "His letter stated that the lawyer responsible for the Christian Brothers case in W.A. informed him of horrendous assaults and abuse that occurred in the Army's homes." He writes, "I am dreading the day when the media do to the Army what they've done to the Catholic Church".

I will give you a copy of [ET]'s autobiography if you do not have it. He gave me permission to share any information that may be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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