

TO THE SECRETARY:

re: Mount Barker Salvation Army Boys' Home.

On Saturday, 13th, and Monday, 15th July, 1963, Mr. Trevor Tonkin of Strathalbyn, who is favourably known to me, contacted me regarding allegations of misconduct of a serious nature towards boys at this Home.

Mrs. MIZOW, a living-in domestic at the home, has been disturbed and distressed at night by sudden, violent screams from some boys in their dormitories. In the morning she has found, it is alleged, that some boys' sheets are blood stained. The portions of sheeting so stained, she claims, strongly suggests that there are sexual malpractices towards some of the boys.

Mr. Tonkin said Mrs. Mizow has complained to those in charge about the boys' screams at night, but she says they take no notice and discount all suggestions of any misbehaviour, saying "they're only having nightmares".

I understand that there is no official supervision of the boys at night. Mrs. Mizow suspects some staff member may be interfering with the boys. Boys of perverse habits could also be responsible.

Mrs. Mizow is willing to give further information if contacted, but is anxious not to be contacted at the Home. She will be available at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Grosvenor (nextdoor to Grosvenor and Grainery) at Strathalbyn on Saturday and Sunday, 20th and 21st July.

Mr. Tonkin is available at Strathalbyn 441 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

I submit the above for your information and onforwarding for investigation.

CRS/KMH.
17/7/63.

SUPERVISOR OF INSTITUTIONS.

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only State child at Mt Barker Boys Home (not placed there by Dept)

Handwritten note: She original of the above typed memo handed to deb above on 14/7/63

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25/7/63

Disputed with [illegible] present day
on 22.7.63. Police enquiries were [illegible]
No further action will be taken at present [illegible]
22.7.63