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3rd December, 1985.

Commissioner E. Burrows,
TERRITORIAL COMMANDER.

Re: CAPTAIN A. SMITH

Dear Commissioner,

I am attaching hereto, confidential reports which I have asked for, following the emergence of information which came after the announcement of his appointment to the Y.T.C.

Captain has himself also asked for reconsideration of his appointment on the basis of the disruption to his 2 children's schooling and work, also in consequence of his wife's anxiety. I enclose a copy of his letter.

Additionally, I called for an immediate audit of the books of the Open Door yesterday, as a check of the Centre's returns and banking. This was felt necessary in view of questions which arose following his sudden repayment of a loan to one of the ex-residents of the Centre and the said, non-payment of fees by some of the men. The audit does not reveal any mis-appropriation but shows some failures on Captain's part, i.e. irregular banking, improper receipting, cashing his salary cheques at the Centre and the creation of a \$600 imprest from Trust funds. The Manager has relieved the Captain of all involvements of this kind.

At this point, I am unable to substantiate any moral or dishonest behaviour. On the homosexual incident, I consider he has been indiscreet at least, and I think he may have been flirting with a potentially serious problem. He has also acted improperly in the matters of financial recording and banking. (Bank was regular until October and November - the period in which some concerns have been registered).

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I propose bringing him in to see me, to question him on both matters and at least indicate that there has been indiscretion on his part. (Note - his indication to the lad about his homosexual experience with the lad in Perth - as reported by the lad).

I am not sure whether I conveyed to you my discovery from the Field Department files, that the Captain was found guilty at Court, on a charge of indecent assault on a young lad at the Riverdale Corps some years ago).

On the strength of these concerns, I could not send him to the Y.T.C. where he could be exposed to similar temptations which could have devastating results.

I propose to appoint him to the position at the Anchorage instead of Captain R. Pryor, who would go to the Y.T.C. (Captain and Mrs. F. Pryor have also written claiming that because of the strange Christian ethics of the management, they cannot remain at the Anchorage). I would also bring the Pryors in for interview on this accusation, but transfer them, not on the basis of their claim, but for other reasons.

I will be pleased for a moment with you to discuss these proposals.

Yours sincerely,



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