

FAMILY WELFARE DIVISION

[REDACTED]

28. 6. 71 : Home Visit to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] seen in private.

Reason for visit was given as routine aftercare and accepted by the family.

[REDACTED] seems to be making satisfactory progress at home - no cause for complaint.

[REDACTED] was seen alone. I concentrated fairly heavily upon getting him to talk about Bayswater Boys and gave him ample opportunity to discuss voluntarily any of the incidents in question.

The only matters which he readily offered were that there are stand-over boys at Bayswater and that Envoy Collins does carry and use a strap. He felt that the food was satisfactory.

As regards sex play he did not admit to anything or give any indication that he was involved in this at all. I did not feel that I could be too direct with [REDACTED], but eventually I did bring the interview around to the incident in the boiler house. [REDACTED] showed no anxiety about this. I at first asked him whether anything had ever happened in the boiler room. He could not think of anything but after a while said that some of the boys - he named [REDACTED] amongst others, had accused Brig. Wright and he of doing "rude things". He later defined this as "bumming". He said that all that had happened in the boiler room was that Brig. Wright had shown him how to pump a handle on the boiler. He said that lots of boys made up stories at Bayswater.

He did not offer any information about Envoy Collins' sexual habits and seemed genuinely confused when I tried to bring up the subject.

Conclusion : I could not get any reliable indication of whether the allegations against Brig. Wright were true. However, I do feel that [REDACTED] was telling the truth about all the matters discussed. I don't see that any further progress can be made here unless [REDACTED] is confronted. This would mean telling the parents first who could create quite a fuss and our position would seem rather doubtful in view of the rather flimsy and unreliable evidence. This would be the case in regard to the sexual matters, but the corporal punishment issue may be different.

*P.O. Adams*

Supervisor Family Group Homes.

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Mr. Morganti :  
(Through O.C. Children's Homes).

*J. R. [unclear]*  
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*O/C Children's Homes Section.*

*In view of the flimsiness of the evidence, I have decided to take no action at present.*

*Please let me know if you receive any other complaints about Envoy Collins*

*Earl Bennett*  
21/12/71

*clerk [unclear] file please*