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THE HON. MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

1. I would particularly like you to peruse the report at pages 1 and 2 of this file and my letter to the Under Secretary for Lands at page 3 hereunder. The reason why I am particularly anxious that you should note the action taken is to confirm what I told you orally, viz., that we would have to see that the migrant children arriving in Australia received a fair deal.
2. I am glad to say the reports on Nazareth House, Tardun Agricultural College, Glentarf Orphanage, Castledare Junior Orphanage and St. Joseph's Girls' Orphanage, are entirely satisfactory, and these Houses are housing migrant children, but the conditions at St. Joseph's Farm School, Bindoon, are very bad.
3. However, you will note the reply from the Secretary to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth at page 5, and I have no doubt that when I next visit in 3 or 4 weeks' time there will be a decided improvement along the lines I wish, and more particularly in the educational facilities. I must say that when I visited Bindoon on the 29th ultimo the educational facilities for the boys were negligible and I think you will agree, as Minister for Education, that boys of school age being brought out from England under the Migrant Scheme must at least be given a chance to be decently educated.

Mc/B
13/11/47

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SECRETARY.

*Mr Secretary
Child Welfare*

*Noted & carry on please. I think
you might send them file to Hon.
L. Howe as minister for the booklet*

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