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The Under Secretary for Lands (Himself),
 Department of Lands and Surveys,
 Perth.

I forward you herewith two copies of a report made by Mr. R.G. Marriott, my Institution Officer, and also copy of a report submitted to me by Inspectress Stewart, the senior Nurse on our Inspectorial staff, on the conditions prevailing at St. Joseph's Farm School, Bindoon.

I am rather alarmed at the nature of the two reports, but must say I am not altogether surprised. I have never been very happy about Bindoon and if the migrant boys are to remain there and receive their due in respect to clothing, food, education and recreation, a great improvement will have to be effected. Of course the place is isolated, which is a big drawback. Furthermore, the Home is entirely lacking in the necessary female staff, and in this respect I do want to particularly draw your attention to the concluding recommendations made in Mr. Marriott's report, which have my full support.

I might say here that Mr. Marriott is an officer of very outstanding ability and his report can be accepted in full. The same applies to Miss Stewart, who has been with our Department for something like 25 years. She is a nurse with very wide experience in this and other States of Australia, America and England.

I am leaving for the Eastern States tonight. Therefore you may like to discuss these reports with the Acting Secretary (Mr. Young), or failing this, with Mr. Marriott or Miss Stewart.

Encl.



SECRETARY.