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15th December,

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Major J. Sumsion,  
Salvation Army Boys' Home,  
Williams Road,  
NEDLANDS.

Dear Major Sumsion,

I was most surprised and perturbed to learn of the repeated excursions of some of your boys to the Girls' Home at Cottesloe. This is an experience which cannot but be detrimental for all the children concerned.

I know from our own experience how difficult it is to ensure that such incidents do not occur. I am aware, too, of the ways in which a single inmate may lead those who are less adventurous into mischief.

The controls to prevent such occurrences consist of a combination of planned buildings, vigilant staff and such a relationship between staff and inmates that both potential and actual mischief come readily to notice. I trust that some positive action, (other than the removal of the ringleader) has already been taken to ensure that such misbehaviour is not repeated.

You will appreciate that I cannot ignore such incidents as this, nor can I forget them when considering requests for governmental subsidies.

Yours faithfully,

*JMc*

DIRECTOR.

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