

170. In his covering report for the 1980 File, CASKEY stated that, “a total of 186 boys resided there [Kincora] at various times between 1963 and January 1980. Of this number, 104 boys have been traced and interviewed by police”. This would have meant that the RUC had traced 56% of former residents in their accepted time period.
171. From the analysis of the Kincora Register undertaken in 2016 (with an understanding that it is the original and same as that referred to by CASKEY) the total of 186 boys in Kincora between 1963 and 1980 is wrong. The analysis shows that there were 245 boys in Kincora between 1963 and 1980; 59 more than the 1980 total. This alters CASKEY’s assessment that he had traced over half of the boys in Kincora between 1963 and 1980. He had in fact traced 42% of former residents.
172. The figures from the Kincora Register used by the RUC in 1980 were accepted unchallenged by the TERRY Review team in 1982. The TERRY Team do not appear to have checked whether the RUC interpretation of the Register was accurate and make no comment on the 1963 ‘cut-off’ date.
173. However, as is commented on in **GC13**, it does not appear that this has had any detrimental impact on CASKEY’s investigation.
174. In **GC13** it is noted that no witness identified a boy as a victim of abuse, whose abuse was not already known in some degree to police. A number of victims have come forward since the completion of previous Kincora investigations. In

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STATEMENT OF: ROBERT B IRWIN, MD

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On 25 March 1980 at 1.05 pm at Townhall Street Police Office, I examined -

R 21

DOB [REDACTED]

This youth gave a history of having been in 'Kincora' for almost a year. He gave a history of having been played around with by Superintendent McGrath on several occasions, but denied any frank overt sexual activity though he said that he felt through his clothes Mr McGrath's penis against his bottom on two occasions. He denied any other person as having been near him. Examination of his rectum showed minimal medical changes, but there was a scar at 11 o'clock, and there was a tendency to gape slightly. There was also a scar at 10 o'clock with apparent loss of external sphincter control.

OPINION:- It would be difficult to find sufficient medical evidence in this case to show that sodomy had taken place, or any other overt sexual activity.

On 2 April 1980, at Townhall Street Police Office, I examined -

R 2

DOB [REDACTED]

He gave a history of having been in 'Kincora' in 1958 when he was put there as the result that his aged father had taken ill and had been admitted to hospital. He stated he was not sexually abused while in 'Kincora'. In fact it was very difficult to get a history of any sexual activity whatsoever as he tended to make complaints against other people, particularly his last employment in [REDACTED]. He tentatively admitted to some sexual activity around Christmas 1979. Clinical examination of his penis showed no tearing of the fraenum. No scars were observed. In fact nothing abnormal was noted. On examination of his rectum it was observed that the rectum was funnel shaped, and on closer examination of the mucosa which appeared smooth there was a lateral scar at 6 pm. The external os was slack but the internal sphincter seemed to be within normal limits. I formed the

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FACTS: Count <sup>X</sup>5. Involves 'A' B3/R1 Statement p.26. Masturbation (mutual) from about a fortnight after admission, ie 10 February 1965 X to Kincora.

Counts <sup>X</sup>6 & <sup>✓</sup>7. Involve 'B' R7 Statement p.29. In bedroom of Mains... indecent assault and attempted buggery... before that indecent assault in bathroom. This happened after 1st admission 16 August 1964.

Counts <sup>✓</sup>8 & <sup>✓</sup>9. Involve 'C' R2 in Kincora from 2 January 1959 until 16 June 1961. No allegations are made in relation to this period. Statement p.32 indicates that association developed thereafter and involved buggery and oral sex up to time of investigation, usually at Main's flat in Kincora.

Counts <sup>✓</sup>10 & <sup>✓</sup>11. Involve 'D' (Hugh Quinn). Quinn was in Kincora from 2 January 1959 until 16 June 1961. He was in various homes and ultimately admitted to Kincora in February 1960. Indecently assaulted on first day by Mains. Under threat (Borstal) he masturbated Mains. Then buggery took place (painful) and frequency became up to once or twice per week. Now a practising homosexual as a result. Statement p.35. Also see KIN29 at page 38.

Count <sup>X</sup>12. Involves 'E' KIN1 Born in Kincora from 2 May 1963 until 7 November 1964. Statement p.39 (at p.40). Indecent activity took place in a bathroom in the form of handling his private parts.

Count <sup>X</sup>13. Involves 'F' R5 Born in Kincora from 2 May 1963 until 7 November 1964. Admitted to Kincora on 31 March 1967 and there until 30 November 1967. Incident when washing. Approached by Mains who inter alia put his hand inside his trousers and said "Do I get a kiss then". Statement p.42. He made a complaint, together with a boy called R6 to a Mr Ross of the Social Services.

Certified to be a true copy of the original *Bobson 9/5/81*

I was brought up by an elderly father in the country [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. When he took ill and was admitted to [REDACTED] Hospital in [REDACTED] I was then taken into care of [REDACTED] County Welfare in [REDACTED] from where I attended school. On leaving school I was sent into the [REDACTED].

Owing to my confined position I could not relate to the training and actually felt homesick. I managed to fail my examinations and was eventually discharged and returned to [REDACTED]. Because of lack of work in [REDACTED] I was sent to Kincora Boys' Home in Belfast. Naturally you will understand I had no family to fall back on and I had no sexual knowledge of any kind on arrival there. I was accompanied to Kincora by a Welfare Officer and was met on arrival by Mr Mains, (Warden of Kincora), who I found to be a very pleasant man. After a short time there Mr Mains got me employment and he seemed to take a great interest in me and would take me to the pictures and wrestling matches. It was usually late when we arrived back and all the boys were in bed. After having some supper, Mr Mains would fondle and make a fuss of me which led to hugging and kissing to which I was not accustomed and naturally being in my position I felt unable to cope with the position I found myself in and with Mr Mains being in such a high and respected position I felt trapped. We did have the odd visit from the Senior Welfare Officer for Northern Ireland and some of his associates, but at no time did they ever give the opportunity to discuss any problems that I might have had. After having coffee in the office they would look around the home, sign the Visitors' Book and leave the home without any recognition to residents, and to approach any such person I felt that my complaints would not have been heeded or even looked into with any depth. At this stage I felt that I had to do as requested from Mr Mains as he was fully in charge of me and with no one to turn to I just felt trapped. If what happened to me at Kincora had not taken place my whole life would have been much easier for me on leaving Kincora instead of what I had to suffer and endure after that, which still remains with me until the present day.

Regarding my statement to police, in reading it, it sounds as I was a willing partner for Mains which is far from the truth. I think I have been humiliated and my life ruined enough for coming into care of the Welfare for "Care and Protection."

Interview note received from Wm [REDACTED] R2 [REDACTED] on 3.2.82, by D/Sergeant Elliott and S/Constable Cromie.

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## Part III

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photocopy of a further prepared statement and the photocopy of a letter he had forwarded to Mr Gerard Fitt MP. The 2 statements and the letter have been exhibited WJH 1-3. His statement on 30 March refers to these exhibits which are attached at Part III.

## Part II

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753. Joseph Mains was interviewed at HM Prison, Crumlin Road, on 31 April 1982, by Inspector Cooke and D/Sergeant Elliott. Whilst he indicated his homosexual relationship with [REDACTED] R2 Mains stated that nothing had occurred between them whilst [REDACTED] R2 was a resident at the Hostel. He declined to make a written statement and statements of the interviewing officers, D/Sergeant Elliott and Inspector Cooke are included. The interview covered all aspects of [REDACTED] R2 fresh allegations.

RECOMMENDATION

754. The 2 charges referred to as counts 8 and 9 to which Mains pleaded guilty, covered a period of 18 years and were representative of the total number of offences committed by Mains against [REDACTED] R2. Had this additional evidence been placed before the Lord Chief Justice it is considered unlikely that it would have influenced the judgement.
755. It is therefore recommended that no further proceedings be taken against Joseph Mains.

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on the chair. As time went on I started to go to bed with Joe. Our relationship began with the two of us hugging and kissing each other. Joe tried to go up my anus. At the start I resisted. As time went on Joe and I wanked each other and anal intercourse took place. I was getting it from Joe. My relationship with Joe Mains developed over the years. We met once every two or three months, always finishing up back in Joe's flat in Kincora. On every occasion I stayed overnight. Both of us on these occasions were involved in anal and oral sex. I would suck Joe off and then he would do it to me. I didn't like any kind of sex but I just didn't like to refuse because I treated Joe as a personal friend and not as a sexual partner. I lived in [REDACTED] up until about two years and was a constant friend of Joes up to that time. We were having a sexual relationship on an irregular basis. From [REDACTED] I went into Purdysburn Hospital as the result of a nervous breakdown. Joe came a couple of times to visit. Nothing took place in the hospital. From Purdysburn, I moved to my now present address in [REDACTED] where I have been for about 2 years. My relationship with Joe has continued with us seeing each only once or twice. One occasion last year Joe phoned me and asked me to go to a retirement do for a showbiz star who was retiring. This do was in the Beechlawn Hotel, Dunmurry. Joe's sister, [REDACTED], his girlfriend BAR 1, his brother [REDACTED] and Raymond Semple were there. At the end of the night we dispersed in the car park of the Beechlawn. Joe, Raymond, BAR 1 and I travelled back in Joe's car. BAR 1 was dropped off and Joe, Raymond and I went back to Kincora. I spent the night there. I slept with Joe in Joe's bed. We had sex. I left the next morning, around lunch time. Joe left me back to [REDACTED]. A couple of months after Beechlawn I was out with Joe again. Raymond Semple was also there. Again I stayed in Kincora. I slept with Joe in his bed. I don't think that anything took place that night. That night in Harlands was the night that [REDACTED] was there. I haven't seen Joe since then. I phoned him recently to Kincora. A woman answered the phone. She said that Joe was on extended leave. During my relationship with Joe I have also on one occasion slept with him in BAR 1's house. She wasn't there at the time

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D/I Q Did this happen with the masturbation.

A Yes.

D/I Q As far as **R 2** was concerned it didn't start with Kincora.

A No he had been out about a year I think.

D/I Q How did it start.

A He was telling me that he had started this in the  and had been discharged on medical grounds and we discussed his problems about girls and it just started.

D/I Q What about **R 7**

A I can't remember it ever happening with him, just the masturbation.

D/I Q What about **R9**

A I can't remember it happening with **R9** unless I was drunk of course but then he would have known.

D/I Q Was the first person you had anal sex with **R2**

A No it was Quinn.

D/I Q When he was in the hostel.

A Yes during '63 or '64.

D/I Q Did it happen when he came back to visit.

A No.

D/I Q How often did you do it.

A Several occasions while he lived in the hostel.

D/I Q Did he enter you or you him.

A Me with him.

D/S Q Tell me isn't it right that the full act appeals to you as much as masturbation.

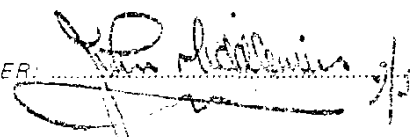
A No it didn't.

D/S Q You said **R2** might have made allegations about you, what about Quinn.

A I think he used me and the situation as an easy way through Kincora.

D/I Q In Quinn's case how did it start, do you remember.

A No I can't.

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1 Q. Yes.

2 **A. But this story is true that I had blood poisoning and**  
3 **did go to the hospital.**

4 Q. Well, HIA199/R3, those are just some documents that the  
5 Inquiry only received after I had spoken to you last  
6 week. So obviously I didn't have the opportunity to  
7 deal with any of them in respect of you. I know you are  
8 seeing them for the first time on the screen today, but  
9 --

10 **A. That's fine.**

11 Q. -- they are obviously contemporaneous documents that  
12 were created during your time in Kincoira.

13 If we can go back then to your statement at 042. In  
14 fact, if we even scroll down to the next page, I think  
15 we talked about your work in the BBC, and then you say  
16 that:

17 "The abuse continued and it was systemic abuse,  
18 which also entailed a pattern of punishment and reward.  
19 This would mean that along with the sexual abuse I would  
20 receive privileges such as days out and treats like  
21 being taken to restaurants or the theatre."

22 You said you would also receive terrible punishments  
23 for no reason as if to remind you what was at risk.

24 What kind of punishments were you talking about,  
25 HIA199/R3?

1    **A. Physical abuse. Physical abuse. Punching to the**  
2       **stomach, slapping around the face. It would always be**  
3       **cleverly worked out in my opinion, because there**  
4       **wouldn't be traces of any bruising, and it was done in**  
5       **private in his office or probably in the bedroom**  
6       **sometimes, but mostly in the office, and it didn't**  
7       **happen very often, but it happened often enough to**  
8       **remind me of the consequences I didn't perform these ...**

9    Q. Well, you said you remember actually being sent to  
10       a mental institution, Purdysburn Hospital, but you are  
11       not sure of the dates that you stayed there.

12   **A. I am not sure of the dates.**

13   Q. You said as a result of your time there you actually  
14       ended up pursuing a career in mental health.

15   **A. Yes.**

16   Q. But I don't think I need to go into that. I will come  
17       back to you returning to Kincora. You did do that. You  
18       eventually left at the age of 18 and a half. If the  
19       dates are right, according to Hughes up you were  
20       discharged in May '64.

21       You returned to Kincora -- sorry. Just before that  
22       I should say we discussed what Mains said to police in  
23       his interview about the allegations that you made about  
24       him, and he was interviewed by police, and that's at  
25       10420, and he admitted -- initially he denied having

1       **experience. It made me sick. He would force himself**  
2       **into my mouth, grabbing me by the hair. This was -- not**  
3       **only it was what you would today call a rough sex**  
4       **experience. There was no relationship here whatsoever.**  
5       **When I came to Kincora, I was an innocent 14-year-old**  
6       **boy. I had never masturbated in my life. I never had**  
7       **a sex education, and this is what I had to deal with for**  
8       **four years.**

9       Q. Well, HIA199/R3, I will come back to your statement  
10       again in a moment, but you gave evidence to the Hughes  
11       Inquiry in private session on 19th October '84 and 25th  
12       October '84 and the transcript of that is at KIN71304 to  
13       71373. I am just going to summarise what you said to  
14       them.

15               You said that the abuse had begun with a bath and  
16       a medical examination and touching, which after a number  
17       of months escalated to masturbation. You were then  
18       taken to Mains' room where you would against your will  
19       be turned over and made the subject of anal intercourse.

20               You explained to the Hughes Inquiry, as you have  
21       done today, the pressure you felt under, the threat of  
22       borstal, the influence Mains could have on your  
23       prospects, including what was written in reports about  
24       you, the presents and privileges you received and the  
25       fear of not being believed. You disagreed with this



1 Q. You were again questioned about that, but when you were  
2 asked to explain, given the fact that you had threatened  
3 him, why you would continue contact with him in terms of  
4 visits and cards after you formally left Kincora, and  
5 going back to your statement to this Inquiry, you do  
6 talk about coming back to visit at Christmas --

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. -- sending cards and letters, and you explained to  
9 Hughes, and I think you said in your statement to us,  
10 that essentially, despite what this man was doing to  
11 you, he was still in the role of a father figure and  
12 Kincora was the only home that you still had at that  
13 point in time.

14 **A. That's correct, yes.**

15 Q. You also when we were talking said to me that you didn't  
16 feel threatened sexually anymore --

17 **A. That's correct.**

18 Q. -- because it had stopped before you left and therefore  
19 you felt able to come back --

20 **A. Yes.**

21 Q. -- and you felt that having threatened to tell on him  
22 and it then stopping, you were able to come back and be  
23 safe --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- in Kincora. You also said that you thought that you

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around my private parts with his hands. I told him I was old enough to bath myself. I think some person came and called him and he left the bathroom. That was all I can remember that Mr Mains did to me. I remember it was general talk among the other boys that Hugh Quinn was interfering with other boys in the Hostel, in fact I actually saw Quinn interfering with other boys in my own bedroom when I was supposed to be asleep. I heard the other boys shout and saw Quinn in the bedroom and because of my experience with him I had a good idea what he was at. The experiences I had in Kincora have had a lasting effect on me. This coupled with my rough childhood has been on my mind a lot.

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A I wanted to visit Mrs Wilson, I wanted to visit the people I knew, whom I had not seen for a long time, and they were part of my past.

Q Where were you put up?

A I was put up in a new extension that Mains had had built on to the home. He asked me to stay in his bed and I flatly refused. I said if I was staying in there at all I was sleeping on the sofa, and that is where I slept, for a --

B Q Did you have any connections, or sex, or anything at all, with Mains during that period, December 1979?

A No, there was absolutely no sex and no talk about sex.

Q Indeed, since you left in 1964, on any of your return visits, did you have any sexual relations of any kind with Mains?

A Absolutely none; there was never any talk of it, either.

C Q And that is so right up to the present time?

A That is correct.

Q That is so even though you freely admit that you are a practising homosexual?

A That is correct.

D Q When the events that you were speaking of in terms of the sexual harassment that was going on and the relationship which you suspected existed between Mains and R2 was continuing, that is, until, say, early 1964, was this carried on in an open way, or was it secretive?

A All sex activity in Kincora was secretive, otherwise we would all have been discussing it with each other.

E Q So you suspected R2, R2 may have suspected you, but it was never openly talked about?

A The only time that anything visible looked like it was going on was when another person came into the house call OV1. This chap was a very effeminate person who was a member of the St John's Ambulance Brigade, of which Mr Mains was "divisional in charge". Also at that time Raymond Semple was his assistant in charge.

F Q Raymond Semple was not, in your time, actually a caring officer. He was just a bird of passage, a visitor?

A Well, he was a very frequent visitor, yes.

Q But he was not a member of the staff at that time?

A No, he was not.

Q You say that Mains was big in the St John's Ambulance Brigade?

A Yes.

G Q That Semple was in the St John's Ambulance Brigade, and that there was also mention of a person called OV1 who was in the St John's Ambulance Brigade?

A That is correct.

Q Did OV1 arrive as a resident? Was he under 18 and a person who was a resident in -- ?

H A OV1 was not a resident but he frequented Kincora quite often without a St John's Ambulance uniform.

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MR QUINN  
BY MR FEE

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Q Yes.

A But I was not willing to take the gamble.

Q Take what?

A I was not willing to take that gamble.

B

Q Insofar as keeping this activity a secret was concerned, why did you attempt to keep it a secret as far as possible?

A I did keep it a secret. I did not attempt to.

Q Why did you keep it a secret?

A For the reason that no one in College Street would have believed a word I said.

C

Q I am referring to keeping it a secret while it was being carried on in the home. In other words, instead of openly walking into Mr Mains's bedroom in the evening, why wait until other boys apparently are asleep and then go? Why, in other words, was that element of secrecy practised on your part?

A It was not on my part. That was on Mains's part. It was Mains who instructed us to go to the bedroom. He did not ask us. He instructed us to go to the bedroom.

D

Q Was it him who instructed you to go after dark when the lights were out and the other boys were asleep?

A Yes. That is correct. And also to wait until Mrs McCullough had gone into the kitchen in the morning, before we returned to our beds.

Q Did you glean from those instructions that it was important to Mr Mains that this activity should be secret?

A He never suggested that it be kept secret. No.

E

Q Did you think it was something that he was afraid other people might find out about?

A I was afraid that other people might find out.

Q So you had a desire on your own part to keep it secret?

A Yes. I have said that.

F

Q Did you also have a feeling that it was important to Mr Mains that it should be kept secret, or did you think, for example, that it did not matter to Mr Mains whether or not Mr McCollough or someone else knew about it?

A It seemed to matter whether Mrs McCullough might find out. But he did not seem to care whether the authorities found out.

G

Q What makes you say that, Mr Quinn?

A Because of the times when I threatened to go to them.

Q I think you indicated that he did seem to feel a degree of fear at a time when you actually left the home, indicating that you were going to go to College Street?

A Yes. At this time I was about 17½ years of age and had my wits about me -- well, mostly about me. I was able to cope with it a little bit better. But at that particular time of the bus stop incident, that was a threat against my person.

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As time went on he asked me to go to bed with him which I refused to do through pure shyness, his reply being he would have to get somebody else and the way it was said frightened me in a way as I thought it could be some kind of a threat and that maybe I would have to leave the Home which I depended on so much.

After some prolonged persistence I was persuaded to go to bed with him. My bed was in the first bedroom on the second landing adjacent to his bedroom and my bed was facing his bedroom door. His method to get me sneaked into his room was, by the way he was checking around the rooms and would close each door on his way out where he would stand on the landing beckoning me to cross over into his room saying all was clear.

In his room I would hesitate to get undressed through sheer embarrassment and eventually he would assist me to undress which I resented to for personal reasons. In bed he would start by hugging and kissing and work himself into a state of excitement when he would become very possessive by overpowering me into what he wanted me to do. He would grab my hand and place it on his penis and tell me to rub it, and massage around his genital area while he would be kissing me in a sensual way. Then he would ask me to put my head down and take his penis into my mouth and when I refused as I took this to be revolting and sickening he would say for F--k sake do something to which I would hesitantly lean over and kiss him and rub my hand over his chest just to make it appear I was interested. Mr Mains would then ask me to turn round and on refusal of this would give me a heave round and commence to have Anal intercourse with me to which I objected to because of embarrassment and pain it was causing me, but he would persist in carrying on in this manner until I could stand it no longer and I would force myself onto my back again when he would refer back to kissing and oral sex again. Then he would try for a repeat of anal intercourse by turning me over on my stomach, he would stretch my legs apart and force himself upon me until I could stand no more and wrestly myself onto my back again. When I was not co-operating he would say I was suppose to help and that he thought I wasn't "Gay" at all (which he was right) but he was doing his best to make me Gay.

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

KIN 3

STATEMENT OF: .....

AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"]: ..... 'OVER 21'

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: .....

ADDRESS: .....

TO BE COMPLETED  
WHEN THE  
STATEMENT HAS  
BEEN WRITTEN

I declare that this statement consisting of <sup>1</sup> pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 15th day of April 1980 .

(Sgd) W J A Girvan

SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

(Sgd)

KIN 3

SIGNATURE of WITNESS

In 1963 I was under care. I went straight from Dr Barnardo's to Kincora Boys' Home. Joe Mains was in charge then. I don't think Raymond Semple was working there. I thought he and Joe were just mates. I have heard about the allegations made in the papers. I didn't know of anything going on. I was out nearly all the time and only slept there. I was never approached in a sexual way. I spent about a year and a half in Kincora.

SIGNATURE of WITNESS: .....

(Sgd)

KIN 3



- A Q What was your attitude towards him? Did you get on well with him?  
A Most of the boys got on very well with him.
- Q As far as you were concerned, did you maintain that view of him throughout the time that you were there?  
A I always liked him; I did not dislike him.
- B Q In Bawnmore you had been looked after -- there was a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who were there, is that right?  
A That is correct.
- Q Did you get on fairly well with him?  
A I did.
- Q Had you any contact at all with him after you went into Kincora?  
A Yes.
- C Q Did you go and see [REDACTED] from time to time?  
A Yes.
- Q Did you ever think of referring to them the behaviour that Mr Mains had exhibited towards you?  
A No.
- D Q Why was that?  
A Because [REDACTED] knew Joe Mains very well too. Mains came down to see him again and again.
- Q Would you not have trusted [REDACTED], if you knew them over a period of three or four years, to take any complaint that you made seriously?  
A No, as I say, I was scared of Joe Mains finding out.
- E Q You were not really afraid of Mains himself, is that not right?  
A No.
- Q What was it exactly that you were afraid of? Say that some of these people that you had told had gone and told Mains about a complaint, what were you afraid was going to happen?  
A What are you referring to? What do you mean?
- F Q You have indicated that you were not frightened of Mains, is that not right?  
A No, I said, I was not frightened of him beating me.
- Q You were not afraid of him sending you to another home or something like that, is that right?  
A Only of Borstal.
- G Q Was that what you were afraid might happen if you complained to someone who passed the complaint on to Mains?  
A That, and also of getting a hiding.
- Q Were you afraid of him beating you?  
A He really beat me severely once with a stick, so I was thinking of that too.
- H



Manor House Home,  
Manor Drive,  
Resbury  
Co. Antwerp

29-12-67

Dear [REDACTED]

B3/R1

D.O.B [REDACTED]

Admission 28-3-61. My staff and I have done all in our power to help [REDACTED] break away from the desire of sexual relations with other boys and abs. girls. He comes home from school late with his shirt hanging out over his trousers and the front of his trousers open.

B3/R1

[REDACTED] threatens the younger boys & girls he will give them a good hiding if they tell me, he abs ran away in July taking with him a younger boy (his brother) abs younger girl for this he received "Corporal Punishment".

He is a member of B.L.B., School Band, Bible Class, Junior Choir and Sunday School, plays football for school and C.L.B. has attended the "Child Guidance Clinic".

He gave some girl in the choir sixpence and hid her behind some wall!

B3/R1

[REDACTED] may improve if he was with older boys, I have tried my very best and find it all to no avail.

Yours faithfully  
(H/S)

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his deputy. I was put in a dormitory on the first floor on the left hand side with a fellow **KIN 167** who is dead now and **R7** **KIN 167** died in **R7** while on holidays. After a couple of days in the hostel **R7** told me to watch Joe Mains and Raymond Semple because they would interfere with you. About a fortnight after I was in Joe Mains called me into his bedroom and asked me to give him a wank. I said no and he said come on I was told you do that sort of thing".

Q Have you anything to say about that.

A I can't comment, I can't remember the incident at all.

Q Do you remember a **R7** man.

A No.

Q Is there any truth in the allegation.

A No, there is no truth in it at all.

I then read the following portion from **B3/R1** statement to Joseph Mains, "I then thought that **S1** must have told Mains because I had seen him up visiting Mr Mains and they used to go out together". Mains commented by saying "Untrue".

Q Do you know a **S1** who used to work at Bawnmore.

A That's right, yes.

Q If you do how long have you known him and how did you meet him.

A Possibly twelve years. I met him as a member of staff at Bawnmore.

Q Were you having a homosexual relationship with **S1**

A Yes in Kincora in the staff bedroom.

Q How many times over the twelve years.

A Once.

Q Did any relationship take place in Bawnmore.

A No.

Q To your knowledge did **S1** have a relationship with any of the boys in Kincora.

A I can't be sure, I don't know.

SIGNATURE OF STATEMENT MAKER: **R7**

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

TO BE COMPLETED  
WHEN THE  
STATEMENT HAS  
BEEN WRITTEN

STATEMENT OF:

B3/R1

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): OVER 21 YEARS

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: UNEMPLOYED

ADDRESS:

I declare that this statement consisting of 1 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 8th day of March 1982

D B Elliott D/Sgt

B3/R1

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I have been shown the copy of the statement I recorded to police on 12 May 1980 which related to my experience at the Kincora Boys' Hostel. I have been asked by D/Sergeant Elliott if I have anything to add to that statement. I have not. I have no knowledge of any homosexual type ring either within or outside Kincora. I have no knowledge of any politicians, policemen of such ever being involved in any such activity. Last Monday, 1 March 1982, a reporter from the Belfast Telegraph spoke to me at my home. He asked me if I knew of names of people mixed up in the Kincora situation. I told him that I did not.

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follow-up story. From the outset it had been made clear to **B3/R1** that it was not the Telegraph's policy to pay for information. In my earlier telephone conversation with him, **B3/R1** mentioned a figure of £50 and then £30, as payment for the information he had.

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of me as I pulled away from him I "came" and that was it all over. We got dressed and he went away. After about another 3 weeks he came to my room again. He got undressed and I got undressed down to my shirt. He was naked. We got onto the top of the bed. We started wanking each other. He rolled over on his side. I pushed my penis into his backside. I tried to move it in and out a bit but I had difficulty in moving it in and out. I wasn't in him very long. I pulled out and I shot my load into my hankie. He was wanking himself so he was. In between these occasions he would come to my bedroom and we would suck each other off. He would put his penis into my mouth and I would put my penis into his mouth and suck each other off.

Mr Mains called me into his office one day and asked me was I interfering with

**B3/R1** I told him I was and he told me to stop it now. He told me that **B3/R1**

had complained to him and I told Mains that I had intercourse with **B3/R1**

He told me to stop. We stopped it for <sup>RS</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>RS</sup> about a week. He came back to

my bedroom and I said "No we must knock it off for a while". We started wanking again. Then it got that we would start having intercourse with each other again in my bedroom. We had intercourse with each other on about three more separate occasions. We would wank and suck each other off. **B3/R1** must

have complained because Mains called me into the office and told me for the second time to stop it. I then stopped it this second time. In all I let

**B3/R1** push his penis into my backside on about 4 occasions and I pushed my penis into his backside on about 4 occasions but that was all. We just

mostly wanked and sucked each other off. There was another boy called **R7**

**R7** in the home at this time. I had an interest in this boy. When he was having his bath I would go into the bathroom and watch him in the bath.

On one of these occasions I helped him to dry himself I rubbed his bum and his private parts. He took a hard. I was fully dressed and I on the spur of the moment pulled him close into my body. He had his backside to the front of my body. I wanted him to be close to me. These are the only two times I had relations with the residents of the home. I left Kincora in about 1966 because my mother was ill. These two boys were still there. I had various jobs until July 1969 when I restarted in Kincora again. I saw that there was a job going in Kincora in the papers. Mr Mains called at my house and asked

SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: Sgd. Raymond Semple.....

Signature witnessed by J R Short D/C

W Graham D/Sgt



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four weeks after I started wanking Mains, Raymond Semple spoke to me one day when I was vacuuming the bedroom and said that I was to give him a wank because if I could do it to Joe Mains I could do it to him. We just pulled our trousers down and wanked each other. After that both Mr Mains and Mr Semple were getting me to wank them, I think it was a toss up to see who would get me first. After a while Semple started to take me to his bedroom and put vaseline on his cock and my arse and then ride me. When he put his cock in my arse it hurt me at first but as the weeks went by it got easier. After a couple of weeks he asked me ride him and I did. All this would occur in Semple's bedroom and it happened nearly every day or night. We would ride each other and we would both come in each other. Up until I left Kincora both Mains and Semple were interfering with me. I can remember that Mr Mains used to have male friends visit him in Kincora. Sometimes these men would watch TV with the boys or stay in Mr Mains' bedroom with him. One of these men, I think he was an ex Kincora boy, used to visit Mr Mains about once every two or three months. One night I was in bed and at two o'clock in the morning this man came to my bed and got in and said that Joe Mains had sent him. I told him very politely to fuck off. He stayed on and in the end we wanked each other. This happened about three or four times and always at two or three in the morning. This man was about 5'10" tall, [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] old. He said he was a friend of Joe Mains and had to go to [REDACTED] on jobs. I can't remember his name at the minute. I told nobody about what happened to me in Kincora. I saw no social workers during my stay. I left Kincora when I was eighteen and went back to my father but we didn't get on so I got a flat and left him. The flat was at [REDACTED]. After I left Kincora I stayed friendly with Raymond Semple as we were both stewards at the [REDACTED] football matches. We would travel together on the away matches and would wank each other in the toilets of the train. He would visit me in my flat on his nights off and we would ride each other in my bed. Sometimes he would stay all night and other times he would go back to the hostel. I never saw Joe Mains after leaving Kincora and the last time I had sex with Raymond Semple was about two years before I was married in [REDACTED]. I forgot to tell you that Joe Mains used to

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I again interviewed Josphe Mains with D/Inspector McClure. He reminded Mains of the caution and the nature of our enquiries.

D/I Q Did you know of Raymond Semple's activities.

A Yes, I told him to cut it out when I heard of it.

D/I Q How did you find out.

A My girlfriend **BAR 1** had known Raymond at Williamson House, she told me to watch him.

D/I Q Did you speak to him at the time.

A I did, his mother was in failing health and I said why don't you resign, which he did, then he came back and done a lot of voluntary work and I thought he was alright and had sorted himself out. As far as Raymond was concerned I never saw him do anything.

D/I Q Did you get any specific allegations about Semple from a boy named **B3/R1**

A Aye I did.

D/I Q Did you report it.

A No I don't think so.

D/I Q Have you thought of your own situation over lunch.

A I have given it some thought and I want to get the thing cleared up.

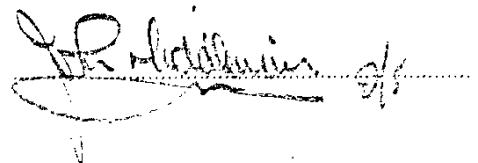
D/I Q We spoke this morning concerning boys you had relationships with. What was the situation with **R 7** and **R 9** as far as intercourse was concerned.

A As far as they were concerned no intercourse took place.

D/I Q Could you have pushed up against **R9** in the bed.

A I might have done, I took a whole bottle of whiskey that night. You see in a case like mine I would get no gratification from intercourse with a man.

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cloakroom. When I got to the toilet door Mr. McGrath stood in front of me. Mr McGrath opened the front of my trousers, he pulled down the zip, he took my cock out and started to play with it by rubbing it up and down. When McGrath started to rub my cock it got hard. He kept rubbing my cock for about fifteen to twenty minutes, he never spoke to me. The door bell rang and McGrath stopped rubbing me and went to answer the door. I was standing in the cloakroom and I heard somebody walking down the hallway, I knew it was some of the other boys coming back into the Hostel. I went back into the toilet and fixed my trousers by pulling the zip up. I forgot to say that when McGrath was rubbing my cock he kissed me on the mouth, it was a french kiss, he had his tongue in my mouth. After I fixed up my trousers I flushed the toilet and went into the sitting-room again. There was nobody there and I sat down and watched the television. A short time later McGrath came back into the room again. He sat down on a chair beside me and he reached over the side of the chair and started to feel around the inside of my leg up to my balls with his hand. He kept doing this for a good while and he then got up and went into the kitchen. He came back into the TV room a short time later and called me from the doorway to come out. I went out to the hallway and McGrath took me by the wrist and led me into the cloakroom again. McGrath opened the top of my trousers and took them right off me. I was still wearing my underpants. He then pulled my underpants down to near my knees. He had the front of his trousers opened, he opened his trousers after taking my underpants down. He then started to rub my cock again. He was standing in front of me facing me. He then took his own cock out and started to rub it as well. He did this by coming up close to me and put his cock alongside mine and rubbed the two cocks at the same time. He put his other arm around my shoulder and pulled me close to him and gave me a french kiss. He then stopped wanking me and turned round with his back to me. I forgot to say that Mr McGrath had dropped his trousers down round his ankles before he had started to rub my cock and his at the same time. McGrath did not wear any underpants and when he turned round with his back to me he reached round and pulled my cock in between his cheeks. McGrath moved back and forward. I got my cock up his arse. When I got my cock up his arse he started to move back and forwards. After a while he stopped and just pulled up his trousers and left and went back out to the sitting-room. I fixed up my underpants and put on my trousers and went out of the cloakroom. I met McGrath in the hallway and he

Signature (Sgd).

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Signature

witnessed by (Sgd) Norman McLaughlin, D/C.

(Sgd) W McGladdery, D/Const.

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one time at [REDACTED] where I lived in a flat. This was after I left the Hostel, just over <sup>two years</sup> ~~a year~~ ago. He came to see me and we did it on the bed. (Q Did what?) Wanked each other and poked our cocks up each others bums. **R17** was in the Hostel at the same time as **R9** and one night when I called there we were talking out the back and we just wanked each other off that's what started it with **R17** I sucked him that night too. (Q In the garden?) Yes, I just got down on my hunkers and sucked him but he didn't come. I ~~di~~ wanked **R17** another time in the boys toilet at the hostel. (Q The downstairs one). Yes, he wanked me but I didn't suck him that time. That was all that I did in the Hostel except that one day when I called up there Joe Mains was out. I sat in the living room waiting for him to come in watching television. **R18** sat next to me and after a little while he said did I want him to wank me. I said no there's too many people about ~~here~~ but he said it would be alright. Mr McGrath was in the kitchen. He undid my zip and took my cock out and wanked me. He wanted me to wank him but I said no because the curtains were wide open and it was daylight. During 1977 or '78 I can't remember when I lived in a house owned by John McKeague, it was [REDACTED], he let me stay for nothing. One night when I was sleeping he came down from his own flat upstairs and came into my bedroom. I woke up when he tried to put his cock up my bum and found him lying next to me with no trousers on. I felt his cock between the cheeks of my bum then I felt him go up inside me, just a ~~bit~~ bit not much. I rolled over and said, "get out the hell" or "Fuck off" or something like that and he said, "I want to get up your arse" and I said no and got up and walked out of the house. About six months after I had left McKeagues house I went back again ~~and~~ after I had seen him down the road and he had said, "come round after eight o'clock". He let me in and we went upstairs, after a little while he wanked me off and sucked me and I wanked him. He tried to get up my bum but I said no. At that time

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 Signature witnessed by S G Preater D/C  
 John Middlemiss D/Sgt

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Q I want to ask you some things on the edge of that. First, during the time that you were in Kincora, why did you not complain to someone about the way that Mains was treating you in this sexual fashion?

A I did not complain for the simple reason that I did not want to go any other way. I was scared of being put somewhere else.

B

Q You were afraid of being put somewhere else.

A That is correct.

Q Can I ask you to explain a little bit what you mean by your fear of being put somewhere else?

A I did not want to be put away out of that hostel. I could go down and see my Ma and Pa and brother. If I were put somewhere else I would not be able to see them at all. Maybe I would be put in Rathgael or somewhere.

C

Q Your social worker: how often did you see her during the time that you were in there?

A About 6 times.

Q Why did you not complain to her?

A Well, always Mr Mains was in the office when the social worker called. I was scared to say anything in case anything did happen.

D

Q Just keep your voice up, if you would be so good, R4. Why, for example, did you not complain to other members of staff?

A I was scared to.

Q You were afraid to?

A I was.

E

Q After you left Kincora it appears from your police statement that you returned to the hostel, you say to visit the boys, and also when you returned, according to your police statement, you engaged in some sexual activities with Mains again.

A That is correct.

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Q It appears from your statement that you have also engaged in homosexual activities with other people?

A That is correct.

Q I want to ask you this. At the start, when you were in Kincora, and Mains was acting in this way, in this sexual way, towards you, did you enjoy these sexual activities at the start?

A No.

G

Q Had you ever had any other sexual experience at all before Mains?

A None.

Q As time went on and Mains was carrying out these sexual activities with you, did you still continue to dislike them, or did things change as time went on?

A Things changed as time went on.

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Q What happened as time went on?

A I just got used to it as a way of life.

R5

5<sup>th</sup> 9. 67

I was getting into washed that night I had my cloths of all but my trousers and he came in and said to I not let a kiss then he felt all over my body and put his hand down my under pants. Then the next day I told KIN 66 that I was going to tell all about him to Mrs town..

R5

2. 9. 67 I ask Mr Mease could I go to the bath. he said all right and when I was come back. I seen a fellow out of the home and when I got of the bus the fellow was right behind me. Then when I went in Mr Mease said what did I tell you not to hang about with him. I said I wasate with him. Then he said wash the dishes and when washed the dishes he told me to get up to my bed at 7 o'clock and the other day he groped me and said dont you anser me back and I havent been close home since.

R5



## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: R5

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): 28 YEARS (DOB: [REDACTED])

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: [REDACTED]

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TO BE COMPLETED  
WHEN THE  
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I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 23rd day of February 19 80.

Sgd. John Middlemiss D/S  
.....  
SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

Sgd. R5  
.....  
SIGNATURE of WITNESS

I was placed by the Social Services in Kincora Boys Hostel, Upper Newtownards Road, just after leaving school at Easter 1967. In all I lived in the Hostel about eleven months. When I went to the Hostel, Mr Mains was the person in charge and a man called KIN66 who helped out in the house. There was also a woman there the cook, I think her name was KIN292. I cannot remember who else worked there. I was there for about six months or something when I realised there was something wrong as far as Mr Mains was concerned. Very often when boys were washing, he would come into the washroom and put his arms round our chests and hold us tightly to him. Also sometimes as boys walked passed him in the home he would 'touch them up'. That is to say would touch their behinds with his hand. He did this to me personally on several occasions. This was what made me think he was 'queer'. He may well have said something as he did this but I can't remember now. One incident sticks in my mind, it happened one night when I was getting washed. I was in the washroom and was stripped to the waist. Mr Mains came in. I was the only boy in the washroom at that time. Mr Mains came up to me and said, "Do I not get a kiss then?" I didn't answer him. He then put his arm round me and rubbed his hand up and down on my side from my armpit to my waist. He then slid his hand down inside my trousers and I pulled his hand away and told him to "Fuck off". He then walked out of the washroom.

SIGNATURE of WITNESS: (Sgd) R5

Signature witnessed by: John Middlemiss D/S

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The next few days Mr Mains told me to go to bed at 7 pm and made me scrub floors and work in the garden. This was because I wouldn't have nothing to do with him and had argued and swore at him. During that summer, it was during July we were taken to Portrush for a summer camp for two weeks. On the Sunday two men came to visit Mr Mains, they were a OV 4 and R2. Mr Mains sent all the boys to their tents although it wasn't late and was still light. Mains and the other men sat outside the tents pouring whiskey into their cups of tea. I could see this quite clearly as I stood outside my tent. When Mains saw us watching he told us to get into the tents. Later that evening I helped KIN66 clear up the cups and things. I can't remember whether I was told to clear up or whether I just helped KIN66. It was after these incidents that I eventually went with R6 another Hostel boy into Belfast and reported the matter to a Mr Ross of the Social Services. In his office I made a statement I having been shown a photocopy of this statement which I identify it as being in my writing and the one I made at that time. The statement is dated 8th September 1967. Although I do not remember exactly when I made the statement I can only assume it was on that date. I produce this photocopy statement as Exhibit CG 1. When I returned with R6 to the Hostel Mr Mains asked us where we had been. He started shouting at us and told me to bend over a table in his office. I refused, at this time he had a length of wooden rod in his hand and he intended to hit me. I told him he wouldn't be hitting me because I had reported him to the Welfare and they were coming up to see him. When I told him this his nerves went and he started giving R6 and I cigarettes. His hands were shaking. He asked me what I had said to the Welfare and I said, "I've told them everything". This frightened him and he didn't say anything else. I am nearly sure that he also gave R6 and me money as well while we were in his office. I remember that two people from the Welfare came to the Hostel and saw Mains but I don't know what happened. About a month after all this happened I left the hostel and returned home to live.

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Signature witnessed by: John Middlemiss D/S

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D/I Q Is there anyone else you had a full relationship with.

A No.

D/I Q Did you use creams.

A Not necessarily no.

D/I Q What do you mean, yes or no.

A I never bothered with them, no.

D/I Q Do you remember KIN66

A He was a [REDACTED], he only stayed when Semple left during 1968 I think.

D/I Q Is R5's complaint right.

A No. I only checked his underwear, he was a guy who was never changing and I pulled his pants back and looked at them when he was in the bathroom to see if they were clean.

D/I Q Did he have trousers on.

A No he didn't.

D/S Q Did you give R5 a hiding when he told you he had reported the incident to the Welfare.

A He got a hiding yes, I used a cane.

D/I Q Why did you think he made the allegations.

A These boys had a personal grudge against me and they concocted this to get back at me.

D/I Q Did anything happen with Richard Kerr.

A No.

D/I Q What about R8.

A R8 came to the hostel after R5 and had been employed in the brothers shop, I think he was stealing cigarettes, I think he did this to get back at me.

D/I Q Did he rub cream in your back.

A Yes but nothing else happened.

D/I Q Did you give him a French kiss.

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## STATEMENT MADE BY

R6

R6

O.V. FRIDAY 1.9.67 MR MAZE CAME TO MY BED AND FELLED  
 AROUND MY DUFF. ON WED. 7.1.67 I WAS GETTING A DATA  
 AND MR. MAZE SAID TO ME YOU LOOK LOOPY IN THE WATER. ON  
 THESDAY THE 7.9.67. MR. MAZE SAID TO ME. GIVE  
 ME A KISS ON SATOURDAY. 2.9-67 MR MAZE  
 CAME TO CALL ME FOR WORK IN LAB MIN PER  
 PANTS-~~AND~~ AND SAID TO ME GIVE ME A KISS AND  
 KIN 14 HARD HIM. THE NIGHT HE CAME TO MY  
 BED I COULD SMEL DRINK OF HIM. HE GOES OUT EVERY  
 FRIDAY AND SAT AND GETS DRUNK. MR. MAZE  
 SAID TO ME HE IS VERY GOOD AT THAT. HE ALSO  
 SAID TO ME MUCH WHAT YOU SAY BECAUSE H HAS  
 VERY BAD MAN.

KIN66

R6

a leaf. What I have said is the truth, I will swear on my aunt's death to it. The conduct of MR. J. MAINS that night happened exactly as I described it, except I was more frightened than I have said I was. The exact same thing happened to another boy (about the same time also, he ~~(R33)~~ told me this afterwards. I thought of going (at the time) down to the welfare buildings in College Street and telling them what had happened, but I felt I was too young, and maybe they would not listen to me anyway. It is only now, that I realise how wrong I was. Incidentally, the other boy's name is R33, he was also sworn to it.

I thought, that after this had happened, Mr. Main would be too embarrassed to speak to me. How wrong I was, he was just the same. I think I had pity on him at this time, I am not sure. Also, while these incidents were taking place I was working in his brother's shop in [REDACTED]. I was getting four pounds a week. That is 16s for myself 16s for the bank, and the rest for keep. I put this 16s in the bank, for a year, and later I put a pound in (when I got a first of 5/). I did not spend all that money on clothes, for that is what it was supposed to be for. All I got was 1 coat (about 4/), 1 or 2 pair of jeans, and a couple of pair of shoes. I have no doubt the latter would not account for 4/60 or anything near it. 4/20 at the least.

My reader will now begin to picture the kind of man MR. MAINS is. He also has a friend, namely R2, whom he regularly sleeps with. R33 went into MR. MAINS flat one Saturday morning and saw R2 lying on the bed. I think his ~~(display)~~ open approach to homosexuality is disgusting, he has a filthy mind, and a mind like that is not fit to look after or take care of growing boys.

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against my face. I can't remember whether the kissing occurred before I turned to face the wall or whether Mains turned me around to face him. In the letters I have been shown I said that I ran upstairs to my own room but in fact I slept in Joe Mains bed all night, returning to my own room just before the cleaner arrived at about 7.30 am. Other than what I have described nothing else happened to me that night. I can only assume that I stated in my letter that I had gone back to my own room because I was too embarrassed about the whole incident. Other than this incident Joe Mains made no other advances towards me, in fact he never mentioned the incident again. When Joseph Mains asked me to rub his back I had reservations about doing it, but the 5/- that he offered, tempted me. It was a lot of money to me at that time. Having written the letters I marked the one to Mrs Robinson "To be handed in at Central Police Station". I intended that this letter should reach the Police. I did not take the letter to the police because I thought my Social Worker would. This whole incident left quite an impression on me at that time, but I was at an impressionable age and was very annoyed, which was why I wrote the letters. As nothing happened after this one incident I did not ask my Social Worker to arrange for me to be moved to a different hostel, in fact after the incident I got on alright with Mr Mains and I tried to forget the whole thing. The letter I wrote to **KIN 342** (GC/18 part of GC/3) I must have been on an ego-trip. I don't know why I wrote it.

SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: (\$gd). R8

Signature witnessed by John Middlemiss, D/S.

Question: Can you remember his name .....  
it might be worth one of us having a chat with him anyway

Answer:

Question: Can you tell us what his name is

Answer: I don't want to give the names of the people

Question: Well I can understand that, the point is that

Answer

Question Oh we're not doing that.

Answer:

Question: Apart from that one attempt by Mains was there any other  
attempt during the time that you were in Kincora?

Answer:

Question: And he never tried it again.

Answer: No

Question: You rebuffed him that night.

Answer:

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STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: KIN13  
 AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"] OVER 21 YEARS  
 OCCUPATION OF WITNESS:   
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Dated this 14th day of April 19 80 .

(Sgd) Norman McLaughlin D/Constable

KIN13

*SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom  
 statement was recorded or received.*

*SIGNATURE of WITNESS*

When I was aged about sixteen years of age I ran away from home because I did not get on well with my step-father. I came to  at that time and after a short time I was taken back home and put under Welfare Care. I was under the supervision of a Mr Chambers, Welfare Officer. I remember that I was put into Kincora Boys' Hostel, Upper Newtownards Road. When I went into the Hostel the staff were Mr Joe Mains who was in charge and another man called Raymond Semple who was second in charge. I can't remember the names of the other boys who were there at the Hostel when I went to it about March 1969 I can only remember some of their faces. I can remember that there was general talk amongst the boys that Raymond Semple and Joe Mains were homosexuals but I can't recall any particular incident referred to by any of them. I remember I was quite friendly with Joe Mains and he used to let me use his flat to play records. At no time while I was in Mr Mains' flat did he interfere with me in any way indecently. I do recall one time I was with Mr Mains in his car. He was taking me for a run somewhere, I can't recall where. I remember that his car was a Hillman Minx, silver colour. There was just Mr Mains and myself in the car and as we drove along the road, I think now it was in the Dundonald area, as we were driving in the area of the Ulster Hospital, Joe Mains asked me to take hold of the steering wheel and to steer the car as we drove along. I was sitting in the front passenger seat

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KIN13



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and reached over and steered the car. As I was doing this Joe Mains put his hand over on to my privates and began to rub my penis. He opened the front of my trousers and put his hand inside and began to masturbate me. I was surprised and afraid as I was holding on to the steering wheel. This went on for a minute or two and then he stopped. This is the only incident I can recall and Joe Mains did not make any other approaches or suggestions to me. I was only in the Hostel for about five months and left it about August 1969 when I ran away. I was not really fond of Kincora as I felt there was a funny atmosphere about it. Although there was talk about Raymond Semple I have no complaints to make about him. I never told anyone before about the incident involving Joe Mains as I was afraid to talk about it as I was still under Welfare Care and then I later forgot all about it.

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Kincora Hostel. We went into his flat on the ground floor. We had another drink there and Joe Mains asked me to go to bed with him. It was about twelve mid-night. We both stripped off all our clothes and got into his bed. He started to masturbate me and then when he finished he asked me to masturbate him which I did. That was all that happened and we both fell asleep as we were fairly drunk. I stayed the night with him in his bed. These were the only two occasions that anything happened between Joe Mains and I, and I only agreed to do this as I was afraid of him because he was in charge of the Hostel. None of the other two members of the staff interfered with me in any way indecently. I have never told anyone about this before as I was trying to forget it.

Sgd **KIN 38**SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: Sgd **KIN 38**

in connection with the Kincora enquiry. When interviewed, MAINS (KIMS 336) admitted committing the offences described by KIN38

159. The file from Detective Superintendent CASKEY to the Director of Public Prosecutions (KIDPP 602(17)) included a recommendation that MAINS be charged with an act of gross indecency on KIN38. In view of MAINS' admission that he had committed this offence I would have expected to find that the Director of Public Prosecutions would have caused MAINS to be charged. However, I note that KIN38 who at the time he was interviewed by the Royal Ulster Constabulary officers was serving a prison sentence for robbery. It appears that whilst in custody he admitted committing a murder in Northern Ireland, by his account, two or three years earlier. It appears that the murder referred to was a [REDACTED] [REDACTED], which resulted in the death of [REDACTED].

160. On 14th June 1976, KIN38 was arrested for robbery in [REDACTED]. He volunteered the information that he had been responsible for a death that had resulted from [REDACTED]. The Royal Ulster Constabulary file C40/22/78 deals fully with this matter and concludes, that although impossible to write KIN38 off completely as the person responsible, due to irregularities in KIN38's account of what took place, and the absence of the necessary corroborative evidence, no prosecution could be made.

## PART I

## BELFAST COUNTY BOROUGH WELFARE COMMITTEE

## CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

## HOUSEMOTHERS AND HOUSEFATHER GRADE II

## IN

- HOUSEMOTHER (a) WILLIAMSON HOUSE, 446 ANTRIM ROAD, BELFAST 15  
" (b) WILLIAMSON HOUSE, 448 ANTRIM ROAD, BELFAST 15  
" (c) "ETTAVILLE" GIRLS' HOSTEL, 4 KIRKLISTON DRIVE, BELFAST 4.  
HOUSEFATHER (d) "KINCORA" BOYS' HOSTEL, 236 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST 4.

1. APPOINTMENT

The appointments will be made by the Welfare Committee, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Northern Ireland).

2. QUALIFICATIONS

Preference will be given to applicants who have a working knowledge of the running of a Children's Home and have experience in the care of Children. The holder of a Certificate in Child Care or similar qualification acceptable to the Welfare Committee and the Ministry will be paid an additional £90 per annum.

3. SALARY

Resident: £633 - 663 - 693 - 723 - 759 - 795 - 831 - £867  
" per annum plus emoluments.

The commencing salary within the scale will be determined according to the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate. Non-resident appointees will be paid £219 per annum in lieu of emoluments.

NOTE: Non-resident appointees may be required to reside in the Home during the absence of other staff on annual, sick or other absences, and a deduction from salary at the appropriate emolument value will be made for periods in excess of seven days. For periods of seven days or less, the appointee will pay the current charges for meals.

4. EMOLUMENTS

Residential positions have full board, lodging, light, fuel and laundry provided free of charge (valued at £219 per annum for superannuation purposes).

5. SERVICE

The positions are full-time and the persons appointed will be required to devote their entire time to the duties of the office and to work such hours as are required for the efficient functioning of the Home, but not less than 40 hours per week excluding meal-times.

6. DUTIES

The persons appointed shall familiarise themselves with the Children and Young Persons (Welfare Authorities' Homes) Regulations (N.I.) 1952, a copy of which will be supplied, and act in accordance with the spirit and letter of the Regulations, and shall take all steps to promote the well-being of the children.

The appointees shall be required to assist in meeting the day to day needs of the children in the Home including:-

1     **A.   Yes.**

2     Q.   We are very grateful to you for doing so.   Thank you.

3     **A.   I am very grateful for the Panel to at last have --**  
4           **after all this time I just wanted to get all this out of**  
5           **my head.   It's been -- I have had nightmares about it**  
6           **and it's just -- thank you.   Thank you.**

7                               **(Witness withdrew)**

8     CHAIRMAN:   Well, we'll sit again at 2.30.

9     (1.40 pm)

10                              (Lunch break)

11     (2.50 pm)

12                              WITNESS HIA145/R11 (called)

13     MS SMITH:   Good afternoon, Chairman.   Our last witness today  
14           is HIA145/R11.   He is "HIA145/R11".   HIA145/R11 wishes  
15           to take an affirmation and he has relatively recently,  
16           certainly within the past year, waived his anonymity and  
17           is content for his name to go into the public domain.

18                              WITNESS HIA145/R11 (affirmed)

19     CHAIRMAN:   Thank you, HIA145/R11.   Please sit down.

20                              Questions from COUNSEL TO THE INQUIRY

21     MS SMITH:   Now, HIA145/R11, I am just going to tell the  
22           Panel where there are some documents relevant to your  
23           evidence in our bundle of papers.

24           His Inquiry statement is at 00... -- sorry -- KIN001  
25           to 005.   HIA145/R11 gave two statements to the police in



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own in the room. Everybody else had gone to work and I was on school holidays. I was sleeping with just my underpants on and the bedclothes up to my neck. I woke up when I felt a hand underneath the back of my underpants. I turned round and found Mr. McGrath sitting on the edge of my bed at the top with his left hand down underneath the bedclothes. I was startled and pulled my body away from his hand and sat up in the corner of the bed. He said, "Where's all these wee hairs then". I was shocked and said nothing. Mr McGrath gave a sly grin and said something about me getting up. I felt like banging him and he then left the room. I got up immediately and got dressed and then went down the stairs to Mr Mains' office to tell him what Mr McGrath had done. He wasn't there and I didn't see him for a couple of hours, but when I did see him I told him exactly what Mr McGrath had done. I told Mr Mains that I felt like banging Mr McGrath but he told me not to do that as he wasn't too well, I think he had some kind of heart condition. Mr Mains told me that he would see Mr McGrath about it and make sure he wouldn't be up to waken me in the mornings and that he would get Mrs Smith to do it instead. I told him to make sure he did because I wouldn't be able to sleep if I knew Mr McGrath was going to waken me. Every morning after this Mrs Smith woke me. Nothing else ever happened after that to me and Mr McGrath said nothing about it. I think that night I told **R 10** about it and he said something the same had happened to him. **R 10** and Mr McGrath didn't get on anyway. I would like to say that Mr Mains and Mr Semple were always very decent to me and I am still very friendly with them and sometimes visit them with my wife. I left Kincora Hostel on my sixteenth birthday on the 23rd September 1977. Just before Christmas last year I floored the roofspace of Mr Mains' house which is somewhere in the Castlereagh area. My brother was with me all the time as he is an apprentice joiner. Mr Mains' girl-friend was there on that day and she made us dinner. During my time in Kincora my social workers were Mrs Mead and Miss Stanfield. I never told any of these about Mr McGrath because I thought telling Mr Mains was enough as he was the head man.

(Sgd). **HIA 533**SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: (Sgd). **HIA 533**

STATEMENT OF: Elizabeth SMYTHAGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): Over 21OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: Unemployed cleanerADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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Dated this 21st day of September 19 82R.A. Flenley C/Insp.Mrs. E. SmythSIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
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SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

Further to the statement I made to the R.U.C. in 1980, I have been asked by Sussex Police officers if I ever witnessed any incident where MAINS or any other member of the Kincora staff physically assaulted any of the boy residents. I never saw any assault of any description by any member of the staff on any of the boys. Throughout the years I worked there I saw nothing to complain of. I am a married woman and have raised two sons of my own and had I suspected anything wrong was going on I would have done something about it. Until Mr. McGRATH started working at the hostel I used to work from 7 am until about 12.30 pm. Once he started there my hours were reduced from 8 am until 12 noon. About two years after Mr. McGRATH had worked at Kincora Mr. MAINS told me to return to working my previous hours because the younger of two [REDACTED] brothers resident at the hostel had complained to his mother that McGRATH had told him to zip up his trousers. I couldn't understand why McGRATH's comment should cause so much bother but I agreed to return to my previous hours. Once back to making an early start at the hostel I resumed waking up the boys in the morning as I had done before. I do recall MAINS asked me particularly to wake up a boy HIA533 [REDACTED] although he never gave me any reason why.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS:

Mrs. E. Smyth.

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and at no time after that did anything like what I have said happen to me again. For a number of months after that incident I never spoke to McGrath. Where Joe Mains is concerned he never made any advances, approaches or suggestions to me throughout my stay in Kincora. I got on very well with Mr Semple as did the other boys. I have a certain amount of respect for him. During the time I was in Kincora there was a lot of talk about **R17** and **R9** being found in bed together by **KIN 300**. There was also a tape recorder found with a tape in it. There were voices on the tape suggesting that they had screwed each other. I'm not sure whose voices were on the tape. There was a fellow there called **HIA 533**. He told me and the others about McGrath putting his hand under the sheets on his bed and feeling his privates. I think **HIA 533** had a swing at McGrath for doing this. There was also talk about McGrath among the boys. This was almost throughout the 5 years that I spent there. It was talk by certain boys that McGrath had made suggestions to them asking them to allow him to touch or caress them. One thing I do remember that made me think at the time that McGrath was a queer was McGrath told me that during the war he was a masseur. The incidents I have told you about are the ones that stick out in my mind. The only persons I have told are my wife and elder brother. I didn't tell Joe Mains about it because I was scared to, but I warned others about what McGrath was like.

SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: **R10** (Sgd)



12th February, 1975.

REMAND REPORT ON R 14Admitted - 11.1.1975Court Appearance - Belfast Juvenile Court - 13.2.1975

The Social Worker's report on this boy and his family makes depressing reading. R 14 has effectively suffered the loss of both parents and has been rejected by the extended family on both the maternal and paternal side. He has had several institutional placements and together with the fact that the family has always resided in an area with a high incidence of delinquency it is perhaps surprising that R 4, with so many factors against him, hasn't made an appearance in court much earlier.

The circumstances of his admission to Rathgael centre around an incident at Palmerston Assessment Centre when R 4 called to take his younger brother out for a visit to an uncle on the other side of town. When R 4 refused R 4 started to thump him and was ejected from the building. While outside he threw a temper tantrum and the police were called. He was subsequently taken to Rathgael on a Place of Safety Order.

While in Rathgael we found R 14 to be a very immature teenager who had a good capacity for affection. He was tiringly hyper-active and could only concentrate for a very limited period. R 14 immaturity was reflected in his inability to integrate into the peer group where he was rejected as the fool and not taken too seriously. While he wasn't an instigator of trouble his presence was usually associated with petty misbehaviour of some kind.

He had the ability to monopolise adult attention no matter how hard one tried to ignore him. R 14 was cheeky in his own way but could not have been described as deliberately rude. He was attracted to women, e.g., other boys' visitors, but his enthusiastic, uncouth approach sometimes over-stepped the bounds of propriety! Over-familiarity with staff was a problem which had to be dealt with during his stay in Rathgael but even the strongest rebuff resulted in him 'bouncing back' almost immediately.

In class he was found to enjoy 'reading books' although with a reading age of 9 9 years it is doubtful if he got much from them. Mathematics were also weak. He was in need of regular correction and if left unsupervised he could engage in squabbles in record time. He has held two jobs for a lengthy period of time and there is no reason why he shouldn't be able to hold a future job, especially in a small firm where a fatherly eye could be kept on him.

We would not see this boy as suitable for training school. He can certainly be argumentative and requires firm control but, on the other hand, there is no recorded history of delinquency and he has obviously suffered emotionally with the death of his father. Ideally we feel he would be best suited to hostel accommodation where he could hold a worthwhile job and have someone to take an interest in him.

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: ..... **R 12** .....

AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"]: ..... DOB **[REDACTED]** .....

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: ..... **[REDACTED]** .....

ADDRESS: ..... **[REDACTED]** .....

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Dated this 2nd day of March 19 80 .

(Sgd) S G Preater D/C  
.....  
SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

(Sgd) **R 12**  
.....  
SIGNATURE of WITNESS

I used to live at **[REDACTED]** with my parents and attended **[REDACTED]** until I was ten years old. I then went to Beechlawn School at Hillsborough. I lived in at this school from Monday till Friday and spent weekends at Bawnmore which was a boys Hostel. My social worker collected me in her car and brought me to and from Bawnmore. I think it was Easter 1972 that I left Beechlawn School and I went to stay full time in the hostel in Bawnmore because my parents had split up. While in Bawnmore I met **KIN 44** who became my mate. I was about sixteen years old when I left Beechlawn. I stayed in Bawnmore until about the summer of 1973 when I was transferred to Kincora Boys home on the Upper Newtownards Road. When I went there the man in charge was a Mr Mains and another man who worked with him was called Raymond Semple. Mr Mains had a wee room of his own and lived in the building. A woman came in and cooked for us I can't remember her name. There were about twelve other boys living in like me. These included **KIN 217** who was **[REDACTED]** **HIA 532** and **[REDACTED]** **KIN 217** and **HIA 532/B1/R13** slept in the same room as me. There was another man called Mr McGrath who worked part-time. He would come in about four nights a week at seven o'clock when Mr Mains and Mr Semple finished. Most evenings when Mr Mains was off he would leave Kincora and come back about eleven to half

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## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: MRS KAY JOHNSTON

AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"]: OVER 21 YEARS

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: SOCIAL WORKER

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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Dated this 10th day of March 19 80

B Elliott D/Sergeant  
SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

Kay Johnston  
SIGNATURE of WITNESS

I have been a Social Worker since 1973. At present I am attached to 39 Hollywood Road, Belfast, which is the Social Services Office for the area consisting of Dundonald to Short Strand. I am primarily involved in social welfare with handicapped children and adults. I first met R 12, [REDACTED], when he was discharged from Muckamore Abbey Hospital for retarded persons, about 1976. On his release R 12 resided at [REDACTED] with his mother. I became his Social Worker but as he was employed he then became the responsibility of our Employment Officer, Mr. McAuley, based at Muckamore. I am aware that he was employed in [REDACTED] Hotel, Antrim and the [REDACTED] Newcastle, for various periods. His work appeared to be very satisfactory. Occasionally R 12 would call to see me at the office when he would tell me his gossip. About 4 weeks ago I was told by my immediate boss, Mr Stinson, to contact R 12 and ask him if he, during his stay in Kincora Boys' Hostel, had been approached by others in a homosexual way. I eventually saw R 12 at my office where he had come at my request. I asked R 12 if he could remember being in Kincora and if he had been approached by members of the staff in a sexual way. R 12 denied that anything had taken place. I reported the result of my interview to Mr Stinson.

SIGNATURE of WITNESS: Kay Johnston

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A You will have to explain to me what they have said.

Q Certain allegations have been made regarding acts of homosexuality and and that these acts were reported to you. Were any acts reported to you.

A Yes a couple of the boys reported things to me.

Q Who were they.

A **R 15** **R 10**, a fellow called **R 17** and **R 9**.

Q What did they report to you.

A That they were interfered with, that's what they told me.

Q Who interfered with them.

A Said they were interfered with by Mr McGrath.

Q What did they mean by interfered.

A Said that he just rubbed his hand down their pants.

Q It was then put to him that we had information to suggest that he had interfered with one of the inmates (who we did not name).\*

A **B3/R1** wanked me off.

Q When

A During 1969 I think.

Q How often did this happen.

A At least 6 times.

Semple then said I can't be sure of the year but it was a year after I started in Kincora the first time I worked there.

Q So you worked in Kincora on two occasions.

A Yes from 1964 to 1966 and then from 1969 until a few weeks ago when I was suspended.

Q How did this wanking start.

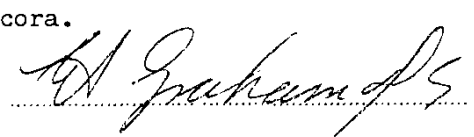
A ~~The two of us~~ were in the one bedroom, he was cleaning wee bits of things and dusting. He just wanked me off.

Q Whose bedroom was this.

A My bedroom.

He then pointed to room 21 on the map (Exhibit Number WAG 1 refers).

I then asked Semple to relate as best he could remember, his duties and responsibilities since he first worked in Kincora.

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STATEMENT OF: JOHN ROBINSON SHORTCONTINUATION PAGE NO: 5

A No but there were rumours about him and some of the boys.

Q Who were the boys?

A I can't remember their names.

Q What about Mr McGrath?

A Yes, there were a lot of complaints about him from the boys.

Q What was done about the complaints?

A I told Joe Mains about them and he spoke to McGrath.

Q Was anything else done?

A We tried to watch McGrath to stop this.

Q Did you ever catch him doing anything?

A No.

Q What was your position in Kincora?

A I was deputy officer.

Q What are these duties?

A I just looked after the boys welfare.

Q Would you then have been acting as a substitute parent?

A Yes

Q Do you think that the way you operated during your first stay in Kincora was in acting as a parent to these young boys?

A No.

Q Do you fully appreciate the effect that these experiences have had on these young boys?

A Yes.

Q Do you realise that it may have ruined their life?

A Yes I suppose it might have.

We then went back over his story and he again described his activities. This interview terminated at 5.20 pm. At 7 pm on 1st April 1980, accompanied by Detective Sergeant Graham I again saw Raymond Semple in a room in Mountpottinger RUC Station. He was already aware of our identities and the nature of our enquiries and he was reminded that he was still under

SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: 

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: **R 15**

AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"]: DOB **[REDACTED]**

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: **[REDACTED]**

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Dated this 28th day of March 19 80.

Sgd. **S. G. Preater**  
SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

Sgd. **R 15**  
SIGNATURE of WITNESS

I live at **[REDACTED]** and am unemployed at present. I went into Kincora Boys Hostel in 1973, I think February with my brother **KIN 224** I left in September 1974. When I was there Mr Mains was in charge and Mr Semple also looked after us. Some mornings and nights Mr McGrath would look after us. I had been in the Hostel about two or three weeks when one night there was only Mr McGrath my brother and me in the Hostel and he came to the kitchen where I was standing and grabbed me by the balls from behind. I was scared and didn't know what to do. I told him to let go but he didn't. He was hurting me a wee bit but didn't say anything to me. He let go after a minute and walked out of the kitchen without saying anything. He was laughing when he done it. I went to the TV room where **KIN 224** my brother was and told him. The next morning I went and told Mr Mains what had happened and he said to forget about it that he would see about it. Later that day I went to my sisters and told my Mother and Father. My Mother said that she would take it to court but I don't know what she did about it but I know she spoke to the welfare. Nothing else happened for about two months, then one night I was sitting in the TV room watching

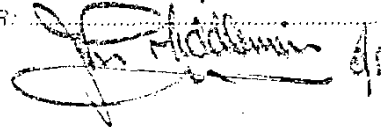
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that he had touched him on the private parts. Mains said he spoke to McGrath about this and McGrath replied that he had told R15 to pull up his zip and tidy himself up going out to school. McGrath said he touched him on the front of the trousers as he told him this. Mains said he mentioned this allegation to Raymond Semple also the domestic staff Mrs Smith and Mrs McCullough. He said he also reported it to R15's Social Worker a woman, he could not remember her name. Mains said that HIA533 reported to him that when McGrath was waking him up one morning he slipped his hands under the bedclothes. HIA533 told Mains that he thought McGrath was a bit of a fruit. Mains said he discussed this with HIA533 and HIA533 said he would handle it himself. Mains decided not to report this however decided to watch McGrath and try and catch him himself. Mains said that his suspicions were getting aroused and had mentioned this to other boys however there was no evidence that McGrath was involved in this way. Mains then told us about R18. He said R18 had come from [REDACTED] and was in a very depressed state. He said R18 and Mr McGrath did not get on very well and R18 complained to him that while in the bathroom putting on medication McGrath had suggested to him that he would put on the cream. McGrath told him he was a proper masseur and asked R18 to remove the towel as he said he would look better. Mains said he personally reported this to District Headquarters and to Anna Hylands R18's Social Worker. Mrs Hylands and Mr Gordon Higham had a case conference on R18 at which Mains was present. The allegations were discussed, they all thought R18 was telling lies because of his dislike for McGrath. Mains was asked did he not feel in view of all these allegations there was some substance in them. Mains said he had his doubts about McGrath and that there was something going on. He again discussed this with the staff however they knew nothing. He said R18 continued to make allegations on several occasions. Mains said he tried to catch McGrath and told the rest of the staff. Mains said he tried to cover McGrath by putting other staff on at the same time, also he changed McGrath's duties so that there were fewer boys in the hostel when McGrath was on. At times Mains said he slipped back to the hostel about 9 pm however never caught anything on. He said that

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- A "I have no idea, staggering".
- Q Do you agree it is horrific?
- A "It does, he must have a wonderful imagination".
- Q If the allegations are true, wasn't he at the mercy of a dangerous man?
- A "I would agree whole-heartedly".
- Q At the mercy of a man who was responsible for his care?
- A "That is different, yes if the allegations were true".
- Q This boy said that he told you that he was going to report you to Mr Mains and you said, "Nobody will listen to you".
- A "That never happened either, I would imagine that Mr Mains would have taken it to the right authority".
- Q Did Mr Mains ever speak to you about complaints from boy residents?
- A "Only on one occasion when we had two brothers in who were the [REDACTED]"
- Q Is that the only one?
- A "Yes, apart from the original accusations".
- Q I am telling you that similar allegations of homosexual acts by Mr Mains have been made by some of the other residents?
- A "You are telling me Mr Mains is accused".
- Q If that is the case then would there not be some truth in what [REDACTED] has said when he said he would report you to Mr Mains and that you said, "Nobody will listen to you"?
- A "These circumstances would be very damning, they tie in perfectly, but I have no suspicion that Mr Mains was involved with boys, or that Mr Semple was involved. I have discussed this with my folk at home and said if it was going on I was not involved. If this were true I would have been a very busy man. I left on a Saturday night and was not back until Tuesday. I was never there at the weekends. I never saw a boy all day Sunday and Monday and on a Tuesday only for 1½ hours in the morning and again at night and there was always a number of boys in on a Tuesday night. I saw them again for 1½ hours on a Wednesday morning and didn't see them until Thursday morning for 1½ hours, on Friday

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Q Did you get one from Mr Mains.

A No, well when the job was advertised Mr Mains called at my door and told me the job was free and that I should apply. I did this and got the job.

Q Tell me about your second term of duty in Kincora.

A I went back to Kincora and Mr Mains was still in charge.

Q What about Mr McGrath.

A He started after me, he was a complete stranger.

Q Did Mains not object to your employment knowing that you had unlawful sexual intercourse with **R 1** previously.

A He never said anything to me about it.

Q Did you ever have intercourse with Mains or McGrath.

A No, never.

Q Did any of the boys ever make complaint to you about others indulging in sexual activity.

A Yes, **KIN 300** told me that **R 17** and **R 9** were in bed together and that they were at each other.

Q What did you think he meant by this.

A I took this to mean that they were having sexual intercourse together.

Q What did you do.

A I went and told Mr Mains what I had been told. He said he would have a talk with them and that was how it was left. I felt I had no more responsibility to the boys.

Q Did you ever think about going to the authorities about these incidents.

A I just told Mains about it.

Q It was put to him that he refused to take action about such incidents.

A It was embarrassing because Mains told me off for unlawful sexual intercourse with **R 1** in 1965. How could I do a lot about it when boys told me about these sexual acts now.

We spoke to Semple about his sexual activities. He states that he has never interfered with any inmates since his return to employment at Kincora.

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times while my penis was in his cheeks he would reach round behind him and try to pull me off with his hand, but he never succeeded in making me come. (Q Why) I don't come easily, I was always a bit embarrassed with Mr Magrath, because of the situation, he was an officer in charge of the hostel. The last time anything happened between Mr Magrath and myself was about a week before he was suspended from the hostel. This incident took place in the kitchen, it was half ten in the morning and a lot of people were about the hostel. He just put his arms round my waist and pulled me close to him. He touched my penis through my trousers and then let me go. About seven or eight weeks ago I got home from work and found that ~~Gline~~ <sup>R 18</sup> Clive Scoular was holding a meeting with the boys and the staff in the office. I went in and he was telling the meeting that serious allegations had been made about the hostel concerning homosexual prostitution. He also referred to homosexual activity in the hostel and I immediately thought he was referring to me and I blushed and looked towards Mr Magrath. He was quite red and looked everywhere except at me. That was the first time I had heard of the newspaper allegations, in fact Mr Scoular showed us a copy of the article. A couple of weeks before he was suspended, Mr Mains told me that if the police <sup>JM</sup> ~~came~~ or reporters came round about the homosexual allegations to be careful what I told them about Mr Magrath. (Q Was Mr Magrath the first affair you had) No, the <sup>JM</sup> ~~the~~ first time was when I was about eleven. I was in a cinema in Dublin, it was during the holidays. I went to the toilet and <sup>JM</sup> ~~they~~ there was this fella pulling himself off in there. I sort of looked over and then went to the toilet. I had a sort of an erection and the fella must have seen it because he followed me out and sat next to me. He started touching my leg, then he went back into the toilet and I followed him. We went into a cubicle and stripped from the waist down. Thats when I had my first 'blow job' and gave my first 'blow job'. (Q By 'blow job' you mean oral sex do you) Yes. My next experience was when I was twelve or thirteen. I was home for the weekend from Lissue Hospital. I went into the toilets at Ward Park, Bangor, near the Bowling green. I was sitting in the toilet when a note was pushed under

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she is taking the place of my parents and therefore must report to the authorities anything which would threaten me whereas this doesn't apply to a councillor. I was allocated a new social worker a Mr Peter Martin but I didn't discuss these problems with him. The next incident with Mr Magrath was a couple of weeks after I had spoken to Mrs Hylands, I was at the hostel for the weekend and I was drying myself in the bedroom after a bath. He, Mr Magrath, came up and drew the curtains in the bedrooms and the hall. He left my bedroom until the last and came in. I can't remember exactly what he said but he gave me a compliment on my body he said it was a pretty sight or something like that (Q Were you naked) Yes. Then he came over to me and proceeded to stroke my body and massage it (Q Where) He started from the legs, that was his usual starting point and proceeded to work his way up to the hips inside and outside my legs. He worked his way up to my groin (Q What do you call the groin) Well my testicles and penis. I wasn't exactly turned on by it but I didn't mind so I started to stroke him after he had asked me to do the same to him. He dropped his trousers round his ankles, he wasn't wearing underpants. After I started touching his legs he got an erection. He got near to a climax when I stroked his legs and said "rub me, rub me". I rubbed his penis and he came. He came over the carpet. He then pulled his trousers up and went and got some tissues from the kitchen and wiped the come off the carpet. This happened generally every weekend when I was at the hostel, on a Friday night. I remember it was a Friday because <sup>JM</sup> there was a TV programme on at twenty five past nine called 'gangsters' I used to like watching but Mr Magrath would come to my bedroom and I would miss the programme, also the hostel was mostly empty on a Friday night. These incidents generally fell into a form of pattern, depending if the hostel was empty or not. Mr Magrath would sit in the TV room with me and talk to me about homosexuality and life in general. He would explain to me about homosexuality and that people naturally felt that way sometimes. He would ask me what he could do to please me and make me come, but he never did

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KIN-101001

Prison No. _____	Defendant <u>male</u> <del>female</del>	Indictment No. <u>442/81</u>
Crown Court Sitting at <u>BELFAST</u>	<u>SEMPLE</u> Surname	
Trial Judge <u>Lowry L.C.J.</u>	<u>RAYMON D</u> Forename(s)	
	DOB <u>6-1-22</u>	Borstal report _____ bail <del>custody</del>
SHORTHAND WRITERS/TAPE NOS. <u>Mrs Orr. Mrs Coulson. 10/11/81.</u> <u>Mrs Lawerty &amp; Mrs Herbert. 17/12/81</u> <u>do do 16/12/81</u>		
Committed: <u>1st. SEPTEMBER 1981</u> Arraigned: <u>27th November 1981</u> Trial: <u>Rearranged 10th November 1981</u> Verdict: _____ Sentence: <u>16th December 1981.</u>		
Prosecution	Defence	
<u>Mr Creaney Qc.</u> <u>Mr Foote BL</u>	<u>Mr Hill. Qc.</u> <u>Mr Bready BL.</u>	
	Inst. by <u>Lynd and McKinnon</u> Solr.	
	Legal aid <u>✓</u>	

Plea: not guilty on Counts nos 1 to 4  
Rearranged. Plea. Guilty to Counts 1 2 3 and 4.  
 Verdict: \_\_\_\_\_

12/81 { Supt. George Caskey. sworn.  
 Med report Dr Wilson  
 Med report Dr Keer.

Count No. (see copy indictment attached)	Sentence or Order
<u>Counts 1 &amp; 2</u>	<u>Five Years Imprisonment on each Count.</u>
<u>" 3 &amp; 4</u>	<u>Two Years Imprisonment on each Count.</u>
	<u>all above sentences Concurrent.</u>

C.C.F.I.

Injured party under 17 years of age.

Yes

No

KIN-101002

Prison No. _____	Defendant <u>male</u> female: _____	Indictment No. <u>4421</u> 81
Crown Court Sitting at <u>BELFAST</u>	<u>MAINS</u> Surname	
TRIAL Judge <u>Lowry LCJ.</u>	<u>JOSEPH</u> Forename(s)	
	DOB <u>31-7-29</u> Borstal-report _____	bail custody.

## SHORTHAND WRITERS/TAPE

NOS.  
Mrs ORR & Mrs Coulon.  
Mrs Herbert & Mrs Laverty 1/12  
" & " 16/12

Committed: 1st September, 1981  
Arraigned: 27th November 1981  
Trial: Rearranged. 10th December, 1981  
Verdict: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sentence: 16th December 1981

## Prosecution

Mr Creaney QC  
Mr Fote OBL.

## Defence

Mr Hill QC  
Mr Bready BL.  
Inst. by Grand M'6/12 Solr.  
Legal aid ✓

Plea: Not guilty on Counts no. 5 to 15  
Rearranged 10.12.81. Plea: Guilty to Counts 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 15.  
Verdict: Not Guilty to Counts 5, 6, 12, 13, and 14.  
the crown then entered a nolle prosequi on counts  
:- 5, 6, 12, 13, and 14.

Supt. George Caskey. sworn.

Med Report. Dr Croghan. Handed in.

Count No. (see copy indictment attached)	Sentence or Order
Counts 7, 9, 11 and 15	Two years Imprisonment on each Count.
" 8 and 10.	Six years Imprisonment on each Count.
	all above sentences Concurrent.

F.I.

Injured party under 17 years of age.

Yes

No

Jury Sworn. 10.12.81. R v W<sup>M</sup> M<sup>a</sup> Grath.

33 M 442/81

Day 1. Witnesses. (etc) Prisoner Put in Jury's Charge. <sup>2.15.</sup>

Crown opened. 2.20 PM -

Com. Arnold Leslie Cunningham.  
Com. Hugh Baxter Holmes.

Robert John Bunting Sworn.

Day 2. Mrs Coulson. Mrs Orr.

## Exhibits.

Folder containing  
the following given  
to each jury member:

- 1) Copy of Indictment  
charging counts 16-33
- 2) Relevant extracts  
from Acts of Parliament
- 3) Album of Photographs
- 4) List of Witnesses names  
and Ref letters.
- 5) Note paper.

Copies were also  
given to jury  
of Map + Plan.

1 Q. I see.

2 **A. -- in the school next door.**

3 Q. And you have made a point to us that the -- first of  
4 all, because of the working patterns and so on, you  
5 weren't really very friendly with many of the other boys  
6 -- is that right -- in the sense you didn't spend a lot  
7 of time together even if you got on all right?

8 **A. That's correct, yes. From that point of view, yes, but**  
9 **I interacted with boys --**

10 Q. Yes.

11 **A. -- as boys do, but we don't -- what was the question?**

12 Q. The question really is: was there any talk amongst the  
13 boys about sexual matters --

14 **A. No, never.**

15 Q. -- involving Mains?

16 **A. Absolutely never. Nobody ever discussed it.**

17 Q. Because it was during your time there I think I am right  
18 in saying that the only person on the staff -- the only  
19 male was Mr Mains. Isn't that right?

20 **A. At my time --**

21 Q. Yes.

22 **A. -- and -- although Semple apparently was recruited**  
23 **towards the latter time --**

24 Q. Yes.

25 **A. -- that I had been in Kincora, but had not -- was not**

1       **always check to see that I was out of his bedroom and in**  
2       **my bed by 6.00 am in the morning before the housekeeper**  
3       **would arrive.**

4       Q. We have heard that there was both a cook and a cleaning  
5       lady.

6       A. **No, I only recall Mrs McCullough. I think she did both**  
7       **jobs at my time.**

8       Q. Well, there was another lady whose name was mentioned.  
9       I just can't remember at this moment.

10      A. **I can't recall her.**

11      Q. But the point you are making is that he was clever  
12      enough to ensure that what he was doing had stopped and  
13      got you out of his room before somebody might catch on  
14      what was happening?

15      A. **That is correct. That is correct.**

16      Q. You also have explained to us how there were regular  
17      people who we might generally describe as officials  
18      coming in. You've referred to Mr Mason, who is the  
19      Child Welfare Officer --

20      A. **That's right.**

21      Q. -- for the corporation; his assistant, Mr Magee.

22      A. **Yes.**

23      Q. And did they come round regularly during your times  
24      there?

25      A. **I think they did their monthly visit or maybe two**



B3/R1

STATEMENT OF:

Over 21

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"):

Unemployed Labourer.

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS:

ADDRESS:

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 13th day of May

19 82

R.A. Flenley C/Insp.

B3/R1

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I made a statement to the Police on 12th May 1980 about my time in Kincora and what Joseph MAINS and Raymond SEMPLE did to me while I was there. As I have said in my statement I was taken out several times by MAINS in his Morris Minor car for a trip to Bangor. We just used to have a ride round, see the sea and go back to Kincora. As I have already explained he would interfere with me in the car whilst letting me steer. I have never been taken to any hotels or pubs by MAINS. I have never had homosexual relations with anybody except MAINS, SEMPLE and S1. MAINS has never offered me to any other men for homosexual or any other reasons. I do not know of MAINS knowing any R.U.C., Justices of the Peace, businessmen or people from the Northern Ireland office. I do not know of any of the other boys in Kincora at the same time as me being taken to any hotels or pubs by MAINS. Occasionally he would take R7 R7 big, KIN 107 and KIN 167 (now dead) on trips to Bangor in his car. The boys never used to discuss the trips with me. I was never paid any money for what I did with MAINS, SEMPLE or S1 although SEMPLE would give me money if I asked for it. When I read of the goings on at Kincora in the press I was very surprised because when I was at Kincora I knew nothing of prostitution and homosexual relations.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS:

B3/R1

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with fellas outside the hostel. If that had been happening there  
I would have known of it. Other than the things I have  
mentioned above I have nothing further to add to my other statement.

(signed) B3/R1

1        hoped he would confide in you if he had been subject to  
2        some forms of sexual abuse?

3        **A. Yes, I would have expected that that would have been the**  
4        **case, because he did raise a minor issue with me in**  
5        **relation to an incident that happened in the home. So**  
6        **I would have found it very surprising if there were**  
7        **other matters that he didn't, you know, more serious**  
8        **matters that he didn't raise with me. He was actually**  
9        **quite an articulate, quite a volatile personality, and**  
10       **I would have been very surprised. Now this particular**  
11       **person did say in his statement to the police, but one**  
12       **has to take account of the fact that this was after the**  
13       **Kincora scandal broke and rumours were rife, that he had**  
14       **heard rumours about Mr McGrath inappropriately touching**  
15       **some boys, but he had never said that to me, and I would**  
16       **be obviously concerned if he had made any disclosures to**  
17       **that effect. He personally claimed not to be a victim**  
18       **of abuse, and after the Kincora scandal broke -- I will**  
19       **not say where this boy was employed, but you will see**  
20       **from the statement, but he called me from England to say**  
21       **that he was completely amazed that this could have**  
22       **happened, and I did meet with him afterward when he was**  
23       **in Northern Ireland for a short time and, you know,**  
24       **where he discussed the fact that this had happened and**  
25       **he didn't have any knowledge of it.**

1 Q. So this was not the same type of assertion by boys that  
2 we find in many of the police statements, because they  
3 are asked a formal question to this effect. This is  
4 someone who spontaneously rang you to say --

5 **A. Yes.**

6 Q. -- how surprised he was?

7 **A. Yes.**

8 Q. By these developments?

9 **A. Yes, yes. Now he would have been discharged from care,**  
10 **of course, by that stage.**

11 Q. Yes.

12 **A. I didn't have a formal relationship with him, you know,**  
13 **continuing formal relationship with him. So, yes, he**  
14 **did call because he was so surprised and wanted to check**  
15 **out that it was the same home and so on. He shared**  
16 **a bedroom. Of course, he was in a three-bedded bedroom**  
17 **to the best of my recall, because I did see it. So**  
18 **there were other boys in that bedroom and it is not as**  
19 **if they were -- you know, he didn't have occasion to be**  
20 **in very close contact with other residents.**

21 Q. I am sure that with your very extensive experience in  
22 this whole area for many years you would agree that  
23 some, particularly -- perhaps more than now, but some  
24 adolescents could be more naive than others?

25 **A. Oh, of course. Yes.**

1 Q. Was he somebody who would have been at that time in more  
2 towards the naive end of the spectrum?

3 **A. Oh, no, no.**

4 Q. He would he have been very streetwise?

5 **A. Yes, astute, yes. Very astute.**

6 Q. It is perhaps obvious-

7 **A. Perhaps that's one of the things that protected him.**

8 Q. The significant point you have just made about being  
9 protected perhaps is important for us to bear in mind,  
10 because much of the evidence that has been gathered and  
11 that we have heard now many years later is to the effect  
12 that not every boy was abused. Not every boy was the  
13 subject of an approach that might have led to abuse, and  
14 many of those who went through the home, and there were  
15 a great many of them over the 22 years of operating?

16 **A. Yes.**

17 Q. A little more than 22 years, had no conception that this  
18 type of dreadful abuse, which is now an established  
19 fact?

20 **A. Of course.**

21 Q. Because of the prosecutions and convictions and pleas of  
22 guilty was happening at all?

23 **A. That's right.**

24 Q. So far as Mains is concerned you have said that he was  
25 good at finding employment for the boys, and we have

1     **A. Morning, yes.**

2     Q. Okay. When McGrath and you were there in the morning,  
3       you were mainly there by yourself, because you were  
4       starting work later?

5     **A. Yes. I did not leave until 9.30.**

6     Q. And would the other boys be mostly out about, what,  
7       8 o'clock or ...?

8     **A. Oh, before that. I mean, this is in the days when the**  
9       **shipyard was full and there was no such thing as youth**  
10      **unemployment. I mean, they were all probably on the**  
11      **7 o'clock bus down to the shipyard.**

12    Q. Can I ask there wasn't a sexual element to any of the  
13      bullying by the older boys? You didn't ...?

14    **A. No.**

15    Q. No, no, no.

16    **A. No.**

17    Q. You say about as well as giving you one pound back,  
18      a pound went into the savings bank for you.

19    **A. Yes.**

20    Q. When you left after six months, did you get that money?  
21      Did you get access to that money?

22    **A. I did, yes. It was a little Ulster Bank savings book.**

23    Q. And that was in your own name?

24    **A. Yes, it was.**

25    Q. Did you put it in every month -- every week or did --

1       You told her that you dreaded the thought of returning  
2       to Kincora at night. Isn't that what she has noted  
3       down? You have seen it. You wouldn't have known this  
4       before, but you have seen it on what you saw this  
5       afternoon.

6       **A. Yes.**

7       Q. Do you remember saying things like that to your social  
8       workers?

9       **A. Off the top of my head I don't recall specifically that**  
10      **theme --**

11      Q. No.

12      **A. -- but I know I would talk about them things. You know,**  
13      **I mean, when I would get back from Marmion, the older**  
14      **boys would still be up. They done what they wanted to**  
15      **do.**

16      Q. Uh-huh.

17      **A. So I would just be sneaking in.**

18      Q. But in any event the record that **KIN 393** made would  
19      suggest that you said to her several times you didn't  
20      like Kincora. You wanted out of the place and various  
21      alternatives such as going to hostels in Newtownards and  
22      so on were explored, but for one reason or another that  
23      didn't happen. Do you remember the offer of lodgings?

24      **A. I don't remember it put down as lodgings, but I remember**  
25      **it referred to as a bed-sit, which I eventually got.**

# Cover-up of homosexual vice ring claimed in NI

From Ed Moloney and Andrew Pollak, in Belfast

THE NORTHERN authorities blocked an RUC investigation into an alleged homosexual prostitution ring in 1976 which involved British officials in the Northern Ireland Office, policemen, legal figures, businessmen and boys in care at the Kincora Boys' Home and other homes run by the Eastern Health Board. *The Irish Times* has learned.

According to thoroughly reliable sources, it was suspected that the ring involved at least seven men, two of whom were British civil servants on secondment to the Northern Ireland Office.

The ring was believed to have been in existence for at least three years. There were also strong suggestions at the time that NIO officials involved in the affair, who had been transferred back to Britain had introduced some of their successors to the ring.

Among others suspected of involvement in the ring were police officers, east Belfast businessmen and justices of the peace. In some cases their names were supplied to the police and in others they had been traced via car registration numbers supplied to the police.

These allegations were made known at a high level within the RUC but further inquiries were ordered to be dropped. It is not known how high within the force the allegations had been taken, nor is it known whether the Northern Ireland Office was consulted about the affair.

In tomorrow's edition, Ed Moloney and Andrew Pollak continue the story behind the Kincora Boys' Home affair: how one former Kincora boy tried to bring happenings there to the notice of the authorities 10 years ago, and how complaints by social workers eventually forced the RUC to intervene.

The allegations of a prostitution ring were first made in early 1976 when a 16-year-old boy who was a former resident at the Kincora Home made a complaint to a senior social worker in east Belfast.

His initial complaint was made against a close relative into whose care he had been transferred by the Eastern Health and Social Services Board two years earlier. Before that, the boy, whose parents were divorced and living in England, had been living at the West Winds Boys' Home in Newtownards, Co Down, at Kincora and at another home in the Belfast area.

A "place of safety order" was taken out on the boy, who was returned to the care of the Eastern Health Board and placed once again in the West Winds Home. The RUC was asked to investigate his allegations and following a police inquiry the boy's close relative pleaded guilty to a number of sexual offences, including buggery, dating back to 1972 while the boy was under the care of the Eastern Health Board. In May, 1976, he was sentenced to five years imprisonment.

## Escorted by men

The boy also alleged that he was one of a group of boys, some of whom he had met while a resident at the Kincora home, who were regularly escorted by men to hotels in east Belfast, Newtownards, Bangor, Co Down, and along the Co Antrim coast, where sexual offences took place. He also alleged that he had been introduced to the ring by his close relative.

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Abused Boys 'Playthings For Powerful People'



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19:04, UK, Thursday 23 July 2015



**Video:** Pressure Grows Over Belfast Abuse

By Tom Parmenter, Sky News Correspondent

**A survivor of the Kincora Children's home has told Sky News he believes paperwork in Westminster will show Government complicity in child abuse in Northern Ireland.**

Clint Massey, 57, was a teenager when he was moved into the now notorious home in east Belfast.

He suffered at the hands of staff at the home but also saw the many mysterious English men with posh accents who were regular visitors to the building.

Allegations have existed for years that senior figures within the security services, British military and other VIPs had free reign to sexually abuse children at the home in the 1970s and 1980s.



<http://news.sky.com/story/1524266/abused-boys-playthings-for-powerful-people>

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## Occurrence enquiry log report

Police Service of Northern Ireland

**Occurrence:** CC2011101300352 Sexual @13/10/2011 11:19 [YP] (236 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST, Northern Ireland (KINCORA BOYS HOME) (District: A, LPC: STRA, WCode: N08000333, Ward: KNOCK)) (CALLER IS PROBATION OFFICER. SHE HAD BEEN WITH A CLIENT, GARY HOY, ADULT MA

**Task status:** All

**Log type:** All

Valid as of March 07, 2016 at 12:12

Printed by #19442 WHITE, D.

Type	Entry time	Event time	Author	Link	Task
Investigator action	13/10/2011 11:25	13/10/2011 11:25	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>I/P details - GARY HOY, [REDACTED]</p> <p>Gary is reporting historical abuse whilst being in the care of Kincora Boys Home. He recalls that he spoke with English police some years ago in relation to this, but is unsure if he actually made a statement. I agreed to call with him tomorrow morning to discuss who this could be progressed.</p> <p>Spoke with Insp Burns. To record details at this stage and the two D/Cons that are coming to the office to assist with Op Charwell can make further enquiries inot this matter.</p> <p>Log to be updated when i/p is spoken to tomorrow.</p>				
Investigator action	14/10/2011 11:59	14/10/2011 11:59	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>11.00hrs - Called to home address of gary and spoke with him. I asked if he had ever mafe a statement to police before. He recalls approx 20 yrs ago, he was spoken to by two english police officers. He does not recall if he ever provided them with a statement or not. He does not remember if he was physically or sexually abused, but he does report emotional trauma.</p> <p>He mentioned 3 names of staff members at the time -</p> <p>JOE MAINS / RAYMOND SEMPLE / ( BILL ) MCGRATH.</p> <p>I explained that we would research the files to establish if a statement was ever recorded from him, and that if this was not the case, then a statement would be taken from him. This will either be facilitated by myself or the Op Charwell enquiry team. We agreed that he would be contacted again next week.</p> <p>Returned to office and rang Adam, at crime registry KNoocknagoney. I asked if I could get access to the Kincora files to establish if Mr Hoy had made a statement as yet. Adam stated that there are approx 40 files re this matter, and that he would check to see if Mr Hoy's name was mentioned.</p>				
Investigation plan	01/11/2011 09:19	01/11/2011 09:19	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>No reply from Adam. Rang crime registry this morning. Adam off. Spoke with Joan. She stated that she could not see anything on Adams desk and that she would check today. Once completed she will get back to me.</p>				
Investigation plan	03/11/2011 12:20	03/11/2011 12:21	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>Received update from Joan, at crime registry. Stated that they do not have the files, and that they have been taken by CAIU Dundonald.</p> <p>12.20hrs - Rang Dundonald and asked for D/C McClelland, who Joan stated has the files. He is off until Monday. Email sent to him this date asking him to contact me.</p>				
Investigation plan	09/11/2011 09:47	09/11/2011 09:47	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>Receoved reply from D/C McClelland. He stated that he does not have any Kincora files. I contacted Adam at crime registry and advised him of this. He stated that the files were last signed out to PPU Dundonald. Contacted Colin again. He will send out an email asking whoever has the files to contact myself.</p>				
Investigation plan	21/11/2011 12:25	21/11/2011 12:25	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>Spoke again with Adam. He stated that he hasnt managed to check the files in relation to Kincora, however he will try and do this and get back to me. I asked if he could check this when he is free, in order for me to progress this matter.</p>				
Supervisor review	29/11/2011 12:54		#16508 BURNS, D.	No	
Log entry:	<p>Crime Register still carry out enquiries with old file to establish if this has been previously investigated</p>				
Investigation plan	06/12/2011 10:27	06/12/2011 10:27	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>Further email sent to Adam at crime registry asking if he has managed to check the files as yet in relation to this i/p. I will contact the i/p to appraise him.</p> <p>T/C to i/p to appraise him.</p>				
Investigator action	19/12/2011 14:41	19/12/2011 14:41	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>T/C from Adam. He stated that he was still looking for the files and would get back to me. I then contacted Gary and appraised him of this, and explained that when I had an update from Adam I would again be in touch.</p>				
Investigator action	07/01/2012 15:12	07/01/2012 15:12	#19646 MCCA, W.	No	
Log entry:	<p>As yet, still no reply from Adam. Further email to be sent.</p>				
Supervisor review	16/01/2012 11:11	16/01/2012 11:11	#19985 MILLAR, C.	No	
Log entry:	<p>REVIEW 16/01/12: IP remembers being spoken to by English speaking Police but is unsure if he provided a statement. Checks are</p>				

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: ..... KIN24 .....

AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"]: ..... 'OVER 21' .....

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: ..... [REDACTED] .....

ADDRESS: ..... [REDACTED] .....

TO BE COMPLETED  
WHEN THE  
STATEMENT HAS  
BEEN WRITTEN

I declare that this statement consisting of 1 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 12th day of MARCH 19 80 .

S G PREATER (Sgd.)  
.....  
SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

KIN24 (Sgd.)  
.....  
SIGNATURE of WITNESS

In about September 1967 I went to Kincora Boys' Hostel on the Upper Newtownards Road. I was a full time resident for approximately two or three months. The man in charge was called Mr Mains and another tall thin bloke, who was middle aged was also about the premises but I can't remember if he worked there or not. During my stay I was never approached by any member of staff to do any indecent or homosexual act. None of the other boys approached me either. I can't recall hearing any talk about any acts of indecency going on.

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Dated this 29th day of June 19 82

R.A. Flenley C/Insp.

KIN24

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
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SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

*I made a statement to the Royal Ulster Constabulary on 12th March 1980 regarding the time I spent in the Kincora Boys Hostel in 1967. I know of nothing else I can add to that statement.*

*I do not know of any prominent or important members of society such as politicians, civil servants, Justices of the Peace, businessmen or Police officers being connected or involved in any way at all with the hostel, the staff or the boys. I do not know of any of the boys from the hostel being involved in prostitution or a vice ring.*

*I was surprised when I heard such allegations because to the best of my knowledge nothing like that was happening whilst I was at Kincora.*

(signed) KIN24

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS:

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## Occurrence enquiry log report

Police Service of Northern Ireland

**Occurrence:** CC2014030500675 Gross indecency @05/03/2014 15:26 [YP] (236 UPPER NEWTOWNARDS ROAD, BELFAST, Northern Ireland (KINCORA BOYS HOME) (District: A, LPC: STRA, WCode: N08000333, Ward: KNOCK)) (CALLER REPORTS HE WAS A RESIDENT KINCORA IN 1972 AND REPORTS HE WAS

**Task status:** All

**Log type:** All

Valid as of March 07, 2016 at 13:57

Printed by #19442 WHITE, D.

Type	Entry time	Event time	Author	Link	Task
Supervisor review	06/03/2014 08:45	06/03/2014 08:45	#PW1971 KITSON, L.	No	
Log entry:	Reviewed - this is an ongoing historical investigation				
	Con Hutton will review and speak with IP on his return and arrange obtaining statement and any further follow up enquiries which would follow from this				
	Thanks				
Investigator action	06/03/2014 11:30		#20746 MCCAFFERTY, J.	No	
Log entry:	<p>KIN 279 DOB [REDACTED] who lives in [REDACTED]</p> <p>repts he lived in Kincora Boy's home in 1972 for approx 8 months with his two brothers, [REDACTED] who is his twin) and [REDACTED] who is a bother. No DOB for them.</p> <p>He states he remembers one incident where he was lifted out of bed sleepin and brought into a room and put across a table. He was forced to perform oral sex on a male then was raped. He said he also thinks that fingers or an implement were inserted into his anus. He remembers Mr McGrath standing and watching this and there were others in the room but he cannot remember them. He does not know who sexually assaulted him.</p> <p>He had no memory of this up until 3 and a half years ago when he fell off a roof and sustained head injury. He has been to psychiatrists in [REDACTED] and spoken to them about it but cannot get past this one incident. I explained the process of making a complaint and he is willing to go to court if necessary. He remembers two other members of staff, Raymond and [REDACTED] no last names and thinks that it was Raymond who lifted him into the room.</p> <p>His home address was [REDACTED]</p> <p>I agreed to call him back with the serial no but the number I have for him seems to be wrong. Maybe the dialling code is not correct. I will call his solicitor with the ref no. She is Patricia in Russel and Co on May Street</p> <p>Phoned Rusesel and co and it is not them, nor is it O'reilley Stewart or Francis Hanna and Co or McColloum and co</p>				
Investigator action	10/03/2014 09:34		#20746 MCCAFFERTY, J.	No	
Log entry:	<p>Got through to [REDACTED] this morning, the dialling code for [REDACTED] making his contact no [REDACTED]</p> <p>He apologised for giving me the wrong details for his solicitor. She is</p> <p>Joanne Kerr from Edwards and Co, hill St, Belfast, 90321863. He gave me the name ruth Dickson but when I called the practice Ruth is the secretary and the solicitor is Joanne.</p> <p>Details of serial passed to solicitor and email sent to [REDACTED] KIN 279</p>				
Victim contact	10/04/2014 18:04	10/04/2014 18:04	#19752 HUTTON, C.	No	
Log entry:	I spoke to [REDACTED] by phone. He intends to come to NI after Easter. I have sent him an email with my contact details and we will correspond via email				
Administration	29/04/2014 11:47		#C135034 MCALLISTER, A.	No	
Log entry:	<p>Constable HUTTON</p> <p>Criminal Injury Claim re [REDACTED] KIN 279</p> <p>Please go to the top box of the Reports Tab in this Occurrence and electronically complete form 44/2 &amp; all of Form WP6 and remember to save them.</p> <p>44/2 Part 5 Particulars of Act should give a brief outline of incident stating injuries alleged by the applicant, whether Police observed or did not observe those injuries, facts which can be proved and should conclude with the position of the Police investigation to date. The outline of case must not be cut and pasted in.</p> <p><b>**Please also ensure I/P statement is attached to this occurrence and remember to save. **</b></p>				

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ABE interview at Garnerville CARE Suite on Friday 8 May 2015 with KIN 279, DOB -- [REDACTED] Second interviewer is Detective Constable Alan Lee, Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Antrim Road. Lead interviewer is Constable Chris Hutton, Child Abuse Investigation Unit, Antrim Road. The interview commences at 0959 hours.

Interview etiquette outlined. [REDACTED] stated he was happy to attend court at a later day if required.

Tell us what you're here to talk about then.

[REDACTED] To...I have first of all to give you some context of what's happened to me.

Okay.

[REDACTED] Ehh, as I say, my name's KIN 279, I live in [REDACTED]. Emm, roughly 6 years ago I worked, ehh, I'm working as a roofer and I had an accident and fell off the roof, fell off roughly 3 metres...2½ to 3 metres off the ground on to the ground. Ehh, thank goodness there wasn't anything broken or whatever, but I got a really big scare and, ehh, shortly after having that fall I disc...started to feel extremely depressed, very anxious, very fearful, and, ehh, then started developing nightmares. So, I'd a severe depression, anxiety attacks and panic attacks and, ehh, just generally wasn't myself. Went to the...went to the local GP, went to, ehh, see a Solicitor...or sorry, see a Psychiatrist.

Okay.

[REDACTED] And, ehh, obviously it's in [REDACTED], it's in [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED]. And I then started attending for the severe depression and, ehh, almost clinical depression, from my accident. Ehh, due to...due to the nature of my work and stuff like that I was unable to continue work. I was...became sick, I was on the sick. I then started seeing things and started seeing figures in...in like nightmares, awake nightmares of figures in the bedroom, someone leaning over the top of me and that type of thing. And this went on for a long time. I also had, ehh, sensory, ehh, hallucinations, ehh, the sense of, ehh, taste and smell. Ehh, the sense...the taste of flesh, human flesh, ehh, you know, of sort of unusual, I don't know if it's...I don't know if it's a sperm taste or a sweat taste or a flesh taste, something really rare, something strange. And that happened a lot. And smell, human body smell. And, ehh,



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then I sort...I was hearing a child cry. And this went on for a year, then more, and then it continued on. And I was having nightmares, and they just kept increasing the anti-depressants. They gave me very strong sleeping tablets, it didn't go away, it got worse. And the...the images became vivid then in the dream, I knew what I was seeing. And, ehh, basically what happened to me was, ehh, in the very earlier part of my life I lived in East Belfast with my parents. My father was an alcoholic and a very violent and abusive person. So, he was beating us and all the rest of it before, ehh, the...we went into childcare, roughly 1972, at that age, we were 5 or 6 years old. And the Police came, removed us from living in East Belfast. We first went from there to Kincora, me...3 brothers and my 3 sisters. My 3 sisters went to Victoria...Victoria Road Children's Home. And we went to Kincora. When we went there we met someone called Raymond, Mr McGrath, and someone else, I can't remember the names now. We were then put in a room, into one room, with, ehh, some beds put into it, and we lived there for a while. Ehh, my images that I was seeing were concerning Mr McGrath and, ehh, I had a very strong image of being picked out of bed, lifted out of bed in my pyjamas and being set on a table. On the table, it was...the room was dark, but there was a lamp on the table, and, ehh, Mr McGrath was on this side of the table and someone else was here, and I was lying on my left hand side in like a foetal position. Now, I thought I was sleeping, I thought I was dreaming 'cause it was like a giant lifting me out of bed and I was going off on this...I don't know. But the...the table was cold, so I was awake and a reality shock. Ehh, while I'm lying on top of the table, ehh, by then Mr McGrath, who was standing sort of in the shadow of the light, came forward and I seen the...the top part of his genitalia, ehh, and, ehh, then I, ehh, have...I blank out...bits, I have, ehh, choking, taste, smell, ehh, but no physical image of abuse. I also have, ehh, someone, again I don't know who, took down my pyjamas, playing with my...my genitalia and with my anus. Somewhere in that situation, ehh, I felt I was...the best way to describe it to you, ehh, I was penetrated by something. I can't say it was a finger, a pen, a banana, a penis, I can't say. All I can tell you was something extremely hard and the sensation of tearing, you know, and, ehh, muffled, being unable to breathe and blackness. Ehh, that's what...that's what...what was, ehh, imprinted like a broken record in my head. So, I was re-living, ehh, an experience. Ehh, I went to see the Psychologist there and went through the process of getting help for the severe depression, and

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also then to try and get help for the...the...the horrific images and the experience I was having now, due to what happened in the past. Ehh, then, not so long after that, the Social Services then removed us from...from the children's home and put us in Corrymeela. Then, ehh, from Corrymeela we went to Marmione House in Hollywood. Stayed there 'til about I would say '70... '78...'79. Lived there, then my mother came back into our lives, we lived with our mother for a while and, ehh, then she suddenly, 1980 she suddenly had an accident and she died, put back into childcare, left childcare at eighteen. Now, that's the story of what's happened 'til I was 18 years old. Ehh, now, I don't have...I didn't have any memory whatsoever of these events, I'd nothing, ehh, until as I say 6 years ago, having the accident and then this all coming out and, ehh, I've been seeking, ehh, what's the word, I went through a grieving process of grieving for the child that was me in...who had no... being...going into childcare and seeing...and seeing a child who had no voice, who had no...no choice.

Aha.

And going through all the...the...the things that I went through and that's why, ehh, you know, I'm glad to talk about my story. And because I've got help, a lot of help from my family, and I got a lot of help at home from my wife and my kids and also the church group at home I belong to, that's why I'm able to do this, so.

Okay.

That's it basically, my story.

Okay. Emm, what you told me there was, emm, basically 6 years ago you had an accident...

Yes.

...and since then you had, emm, memories...

Aha.

...in your head...

Aha.

...of your treatment as a child.



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Aha.

Emm, and then due to the extent of the...emm, when you were young your dad was abusive and an alcoholic.

Yes.

And you were taken away by Police...

Yes.

...and placed in Kincora with your 3 brothers was it?

My 2 brothers...

Two brothers.

...it's 3 boys in Kincora.

And then your sisters were placed in...

Victoria Homes.

...Victoria Homes.

Yes, it's another children's home.

Okay. And then you remember there was somebody called Raymond.

Yes.

And then Mr McGrath.

Mr McGrath I know very well.

And then...and then somebody else.

Aha. Again, I don't know who that other person is.

And then you had, emm, you described the incident where you remember being lifted out of the bed.

Yes.

And you saw Mr McGrath there.

Aha.

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There was somebody else there.

Yes.

And then during that time, emm, they touched your genitalia.

Yes.

And then you were penetrated...

Yes.

...by something, but you don't know what.

Exactly.

And then you got moved out of there, you went to, emm, a couple of other children's homes.

Yes.

Then your mum came back for a few years, then you went back into...

Aha.

...childcare when your mum passed away in the 1980s, 1980 was it your mum...

Nineteen eighty when she passed away.

Okay. And then you were in children's care up until...

Aha.

And you didn't remember any of this until you had this accident, this...the incident that happened at...

Yes.

...emm...okay. Emm, we're just going to break it down just look at the Kincora stuff, just going...

Yes.

...to break it down just to get a wee bit more...more detail...

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Okay...okay.

...about it, okay. Emm, can you basically explain to me, emm, from being taken...taken away, emm, from your... your...your dad...

Aha.

...ehh, until the first...your first memory of Kincora?

Okay. Ehh, what happened was, ehh, I'm not sure of the dates, but what happened was, my father was an alcoholic and he was very violent. And when he was alcoholic he'd be the sort of person that would lash out. He was a sadist. So, he was...he would beat us, he would burn us, he would punch us, get out of the road when he was drunk, most of the time he was drunk. So, we already had...when he was about we ran like rats out of the road and at night time, ehh, basically we ran up the stairs and hid and prayed to God he didn't come up the stairs, you know, because he was just a frightening man, would beat us [inaudible]. So, we...we grew up with that and one day the Police turned up with Social Workers and they take us. Take us literally as we stand, you know, no packing your bags, no...nothing you have...nothing...we didn't have anything. We're standing there and we're...we're starving, we're dirty, ehh, we went straight from there into Marmione House. The girls in other words, [redacted] and [redacted] was a baby, they went to hospital because they were dehydrated and neglected. We were all neglected, hungry. So, we were already...we were already, ehh, in some sense, we were already living in neglect and suddenly we went to this new house and we went...we went into the house and the first thing they did was they took all our clothes off and, ehh, gave us new clothes, gave us a bath, de-loused us, I remember the iodine and, ehh, the smells, I remember, don't know why, this is very strange, and at the time also they had new carpets in the building, so, everything smelt of new carpet. Ehh, going into this very old building, going...going...going straight into this building and in fact we had never seen a building like this 'cause in my time...at that time in my life, the world was the...was the great field. Our house, our street, [redacted], and the big green field and the school, and that was the edge of the world. Nowhere else existed. So, we went to a completely different place. We were totally silent going there, I remember that, going to this house and going through a door and then going through another door, you open this

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big door up and then you go through into a small doorway...door, eh, hallway, and you had a glass... another door to go into a door. I thought that was unusual. Big staircase and obviously the smell...the smell of food, eh, the smell of new carpet. So, all these things were really logged with me. And ornate plasterwork on the ceiling, it's a period house, you know. We were brought in, eh, took up the...I don't know if we were took up the stairs or not, we were took upstairs, but anyway, we ended up being in a bath, the three of us, being cleaned. And then we were brought down and presented, it's almost military style, to this man with glasses, and his name was Mr McGrath. And he'd glasses on, very military-type fashion person. The person that was looking after us most of the time who I have no strong memory of was a very tall man, 6 foot six I would say, six foot four, to us he was a giant. My father was a 6 foot four person.

Aha.



This man was also, but he was long and thin while my father was massively big. And, eh, at a certain point in the thing, it was almost like an adventure, we were just overwhelmed with all these new things, new people, new...we really had no idea what was going on. We were brought into the house, we were given pyjamas, we'd never wore pyjamas. The pyjamas I had were, eh, striped like, you know, like a kilt, and they were like old-fashioned with a lace at the front, and, eh, they buttoned up, brush your teeth and all that sort of stuff. This was all new. And, eh, as I say, coming in, meeting a cook, didn't know what a cook was, she used to cook. There was a hatch...a hole in the wall where the food comes through, didn't know what that was, and this is where you eat. We'd no contact with anybody else...else in the house. If there was pink fairies living there we would never have known, we were completely separate from them. Eh, we were put upstairs in the front...I think in the front room, 3 beds in the front room, door locked. Want to go to the toilet, they opened the door, okay, want to go to the toilet. We were like cut-off, that was our world, that room...that, you know.

Aha.



Come in and sit down on the sofa, don't move, be quiet. And that was it. We're, eh, getting new shoes, I'm really strange, black shoes, strange black...like brogues, they were brogues. Getting a pair of black brogues, my God,

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don't believe it. And, ehh, not playing football, not going out, so, those are the things that you...you [inaudible] remember.

Aha.

And that's it. I have, ehh, Mr McGrath's face, someone called Raymond, ehh, sort of an office type thing, past the second door or the third door on the right under...like under the stair type thing, you know, and the kitchen, but that's it, in this one room. So, our world was the staircase, that one room, eating, that's it.

What age were you when you were sent?

I think we were 5 years old or 6 years old.

Yeah. What age were your brothers?

My brother's a twin, so, he was...he was the same, he was five or six, and

Okay.

I can't be sure.

Okay. And you say you came from the

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Yeah.

Okay. Emm, and what did you call your dad?

His name was

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His full name was [REDACTED]. And he was an alcoholic, a severe alcoholic. He was married to an [REDACTED]. And he was like 6 foot three/6 foot four, about 18-21...about 21 stone type thing, you know.

Aha.

And he was married to [REDACTED] who was just under 5 foot...

Okay.

Six stone nothing, you know. And he was extremely violent to her. So, we were just...it was like a madhouse.

And your 2 sisters, are they older or younger than you?

The sisters are all younger. [REDACTED]...I've 3 sisters, [REDACTED]

Okay. So, there were 6 children under the age of six or seven?

Yes, aha.

That's okay. And is your dad still alive?

No, he's dead. He passed away about, I think it's 2 years ago he passed away.

Okay. So, you went into the...you went into Kincora.

Yes.

And you...the guy, emm, Raymond, can you describe him for me?

Raymond looked...now, my images of him, I can't see his...I can only see...I can see his face, but I can't really, it's very difficult to say. Raymond looked like somebody who wore...who looked like...like, ehh, he was a heavier man...heavier-set man than Mr McGrath. Mr McGrath...this is really strange, Mr McGrath was a shirt and tie, another thing which is really strange, he wore glasses, he had a shirt and tie underneath a jumper or, no, tank-top you call it, that right, tank-top, and, ehh, he looked like a, you know, a bank clerk or somebody who was working, you know that type of uniform type. I'm only giving you

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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KIN 238

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*To be completed  
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I declare that this statement consisting of 8 page, signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 12 day of SEPTEMBER 2003

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Following trouble at home, [REDACTED] with my father [REDACTED] beating me up causing me to run away from home along with not attending school I became the subject of a care order. I was placed by Social Services in Kincora Boys School. I arrived there in the summer of 1976, thirteen and a half years of age. The boys home had three floors. On the ground floor as you entered from the main door you could see a staircase ahead. There was one door on both sides of the hallway. The one on the right led you into the dinning room while the one on the left led you into the office of the person in charge of the home. The first and second floors contained the dormitories where the boys slept. When I arrived it must have been full because I had to sleep on a camp bed on the corridor on the first night. After dinner on the next day. Dinner was served five to six. The House Master asked me to wait behind in the dining room. I would describe him as being of thin build, balding with grey hair at the sides and dark rimmed glasses. I always remember him wearing a white shirt with the sleeves rolled up and trousers. He left me in the dining room on my own. A short time later he returned and pointed the way for me to go into Maynes Office, the person in charge. I opened the door and entered the office. Maynes was sitting behind his desk. As you walked in the door there was a bay window and Maynes desk was to the right. It just looked like an office with loads of books. He accused

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Detective Constable Kelly from Castlereagh. I had hidden this for so many years and now I had told people my darkest secret. It became all too much for me and I couldn't make a statement at that time. Now I just can't move on and I need to know I have done my best to put these people behind bars. **KIN 238**



REPORTER One of the locations he claims he was taken to in a taxi, was an apartment complex in the heart of Westminster, known as Dolphin Square. It is now at the nexus of the MET Police's, Operation Midland, which is also looking into alleged murders.

RICHARD KERR I could have been 16, 15, 17. I remember going in with this guy and then he told me to sit down and relax and explained about his glasses and he said he had a like, Waterford Crystal and he wanted me to have a Brandy and we had more Brandy and then we had sexual encounter in here.

REPORTER Did you ever meet any of the men that have been named to have had alleged contact with young boys?

RICHARD KERR Am, I just don't want to get into that right now, I really don't. I'm talking to my attorneys, legal.

REPORTER And why is that? Why don't you want to talk about it yet?

RICHARD KERR I'm still concerned. There are some people still around and I'm concerned. Most of these people were very well off, but most of them had positions of power that had influence over others.

REPORTER Why don't you feel, yet, after all these years, that you can name your abusers who were in power?

RICHARD KERR I'm still in some fear. Even though I'm willing to take the courage, I need to know that I can have faith in our government.

REPORTER And central to achieving that trust, he says, is getting the government to acknowledge what he calls the untold story of Kincora Boys Home, that he claimed goes way beyond Northern Ireland.

In 1981, 3 senior staff at Kincora were convicted of abusing 11 boys. There has been 2 Judge led inquiries. But allegations of a high level cover up continue, despite claims that abuse in Kincora was connected to England, the Home Secretary, Theresa May, has so far ruled out including it in the official Child Abuse Inquiry.

RICHARD KERR Right now, when they are not willing to bring Kincora into Westminster, that just tells, the message that sends to me is that there, that there's some kind of cover up and there has been.

REPORTER It is claimed British Security Services knew about the crimes in Belfast but did nothing to stop them, using the knowledge to blackmail and extract intelligence from influential men. In 1975 as the troubles were taking hold, a young Army Intelligence Officer called Brian Gemmell was working undercover and tried to blow the whistle.

We brought Richard to meet him for the first time.

(DOOR KNOCKS)

BRIAN GEMMELL You must be Richard? I'm Brian, Richard, it's good to meet you. Come on in, let's talk, come on in.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/northern-ireland-authorities-refuse-to-reveal-details-of-paedophile-with-links-to-former-government-adviser-on-national-security-grounds-10382746.html>

“For example, Captain Gemmell’s intelligence report to MI5 in 1975 about Kincora should now be in the possession of the HIA if the Government really wants to demonstrate its determination to get to the truth.”

Former intelligence officer Brian Gemmell has said that MI5 forced him to cut short his investigation into the home in 1975

Fraser had not previously been linked to Kincora, the home run by three men who were eventually convicted over the abuse there, but a former Kincora resident has now revealed that he was abused by Fraser during counselling at the doctor’s medical offices in Belfast’s Royal Hospital in the early 1970s.

Richard Kerr, who has alleged he was trafficked from Belfast to Westminster to be abused by politicians and others, said: “I was 13. Morris abused me, in his office, two or three times on those visits. I will never forget that face. That black hair. I have never forgotten it. He was in contact with children’s homes all over Belfast.

“He had very important people above him and that’s why we were all scared. He was a child abuser, simple as that. He had influence; he had a lot of influence. I mean, he was a doctor, he was a psychiatrist.

“Complaints were being made, being brushed under the carpet like they always were back then. And it made us all feel like, if we say anything we’re going to get into trouble.”



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McGRATH still denied buggery with [REDACTED] when facing trial but admitted the offence of gross indecency. The buggery charge was left on the file.

410. Matters affecting Richard KERR (born [REDACTED]) received considerable publicity in the media and occasioned some enquiry by officer reporting. KERR is mentioned in paragraphs 348-360 of this report because of his contact with EDMONDS.

411. Richard KERR first became the responsibility of the social services in 1966 when aged 5 years, becoming resident in Williamson House. There is no evidence available to suggest that he was subject of any indecency offences by any other staff during these early years, or that he was involved in acts of dishonesty. A report prepared by his social-worker, [REDACTED] (KI EX 29) reviews his early background and shows that whilst resident in Williamson House he attended Harbeton Special School. This establishment caters for children assessed as educationally sub-normal by the educational staff of the EHSSB and requiring special education.

412. Towards the end of his residence at Williamson House, KERR was visited by [REDACTED] KIN 340 ([REDACTED]), the father of another Williamson House inmate. KERR makes no complaint against this man and [REDACTED] KIN 340 himself denies that any sexual misbehaviour took place.

413. In July 1975 KERR, then aged 14 years, became resident



## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

STATEMENT OF: RICHARD KERR

AGE OF WITNESS [if over 21 enter "over 21"]:

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS:

ADDRESS:

TO BE COMPLETED  
WHEN THE  
STATEMENT HAS  
BEEN WRITTEN

I declare that this statement consisting of 4 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 25th day of FEBRUARY 19 80

(Sgd.) G Caskey, D/Chief Inspector. (Sgd.) Richard Kerr  
SIGNATURE of MEMBER by whom SIGNATURE of WITNESS  
statement was recorded or received.

I was put into Williamson House, 448 Antrim Road, Belfast, when I was four years old. I stayed there being looked after by the Welfare until I was fourteen. I went to Harberton Primary School until I was eleven and after that I attended Mount Vernon Secondary School. When I was fourteen I was transferred from Williamson House to Kincora Hostel, Upper Newtownards Road. While I was in Williamson House a man who would say he was my uncle - KIN 340 would visit me. A son of his - was in the home. He called himself 'Uncle' to all the boys in the home. He brought us sweets. He did not take me out then. His last address known to me was Another man KIN 341 who lives on the used to drive KIN 340 to the home. He sometimes came into the home and spoke to us, that is the boys in the home. Later I got to know these men better and when I was in Kincora I used to visit KIN 341 house and have drinks there. He is married and has children and his wife lives with him. Only once did and collect me at Kincora Hostel. KIN 341 was driving a car he had hired for 24 hours. That was the evening I was caught for stealing money from the Highways Hotel in Larne. It was the 4th October 1977. The three of us were out that evening for a drink. It was KIN 341 idea that we should

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go there for the Country and Western music. I went out with these older men because I had no friends and I knew them from their visits to Williamson House. There was no other reason - just as friends. They phoned me to Kincora and made the arrangements to go out. I had no prior arrangement with them. While I was in Kincora from July 1975 to November 1977 I looked on Joe Mains as a father. I was very fond of him. When I was doing break-ins he said to me that he knew I was doing them. He asked me to tell him the whole story about the break-ins and I told him part of it, that is about doing some break-ins. I mean by break-ins, breaking into houses and stealing. Later the police caught up with me for the break-ins. I used to sit up late at nights discussing my future with Joe Mains. A couple of times he gave me Baby Cham to drink. Once I brought him whiskey which I knew he liked. These discussions and drinks took place in Joe Mains flat in the hostel. I looked up to and respected Joe Mains and while I was in his flat he did not touch me or say anything to me which would have suggested anything of a homosexual nature. At the hostel Mr McGrath, the house master, was known as a homosexual. Boys in the hostel told me that he had tried it on them. Some of these boys are - **KIN 46** and a boy named **HIA 533** McGrath used to play around with me by pulling my jumper and wrestling with me. He would pull me close to him, his front to my back and press his belly up against me. It wasn't normal wrestling and I knew he was enjoying it in a homosexual way. The boys used to tell me that McGrath put his hands round their private parts. Mr Mains knew that all this was going on because the boys told him. I was not there when Joe Mains was told but the boys told me that he had been told. This all happened while I was in Kincora from July 1975 to 1977 (November). After these complaints were made to Joe Mains the woman cleaner wakened us in the morning. This had always been McGrath's job and it was while wakening the boys he would feel them under the bed clothes. When I made the threats about Joe Mains to the police and social workers that if he did not come to court I would tell all, I was referring to the drinks I had in

SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: Richard Kerr

Social Report

Subject: Richard Kerr (D.O.B. [REDACTED])

Discharged from Millisle Borstal 9.2.1979 and placed in Williamson House for one month.

Richard has been in care since 1966. He is the second eldest son of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who currently live in [REDACTED]

Siblings:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Richie was taken into care when he was five years old because his parents couldn't cope. He was in Williamson House for many years and attended Harberton Special School. The last educational assessment of Ritchie was made in May 1977 and concluded that he was capable of holding down a job.

In July 1975 Ritchie was moved from Williamson House and went to live in Kincora Hostel. He settled in well and obtained a job as a porter in the Europa Hotel. According to the warden in charge of Kincora, Ritchie was subdued and quiet during his first year there. He stayed in every evening playing cards and watching T.V. It was only when two other boys joined the group that trouble started. It seems also that at this time Richie came under the influence of two older men who took him out quite a lot. One of these men had Richie as an occasional visitor to his home.

October 7th, 1977 Richie was charged with 17 instances of breaking and entering. He was remanded in Rathgael. Ritchie appeared in court later that month and the case was adjourned. Richie went back to Kincora. Shortly after this Kincora reported that Richie had stolen money from a member of staff. Richie returned to Kincora that night but as the matter had been reported to the R.U.C. he was taken into custody. Richie was sent to Rathgael to await court hearing. The case was heard the first week in December. By this time Richie had made at least one attempt to harm himself and in view of this "apparently suicidal behaviour" Rathgael recommended Borstal Training for Richie. Richie was sent to Millisle and his father immediately appealed against the sentence. The appeal did not succeed and Richie made another serious attempt on his life. He was held in Musgrave Park Hospital until the end of March. His stay was protracted because he contacted Chicken Pox.

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## ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

## STATEMENT

LARNE Station 'P' Division

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Name: Richard Kerr  
 Address: 236 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast  
 Occupation: Hotel Porter

Age: 12 5 60  
 (17 years)

Statement: I Richard Kerr wish to make a statement. I want someone to write down what I say. I have been told that I need not say anything unless I wish to do so and that whatever I say may be given in evidence.

Signed: Richard Kerr

Tonight when I was in the Highways Hotel with **KIN 341** and **KIN 340** I wanted to make a telephone call to Kincora Boys Hostel, Belfast. There was too much noise in the bar to 'phone from there. I asked the girl in the reception if I could use her 'phone. When I was in behind the desk making the call I saw a box of money bags. I went away again but the money was still on my mind. I went back to the toilets which is convenient to the reception desk. I looked in to the reception desk and there was no body there so I took some of the money bags. I did this about twice. The money was there for the taking, there was nobody behind the reception desk. It was very tempting. I am sorry I done it. **KIN 341** and **KIN 340** had nothing to do with it.

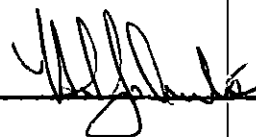
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Signed: Richard Kerr

Time Commenced 3.05 a.m.  
 Time terminated 3.40 a.m.  
 Day and Date Tuesday 4.10.77.

Where taken R.U.C. Station, Larne.  
 Persons present R/Con. H. Robinson  
 Signature of  
 Officer D. Shortall

Certified Correct.

 Sergeant

Signature

Signature  
witnessed by

Reserve Con. H. Robinson.

Use both sides if necessary. (If this is done, both sides of the form must be signed and witnessed.)

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## ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

'P' Division LARNE Sub-Division  
 LARNE Station/Branch 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 1977 Date  
 SUBJECT THEFT FROM HIGHWAYS HOTEL, LARNE - RICHARD KERR

Sergeant 'A' Section, Larne  
 TO .....

At 12.55 am on 4.10.77 KIN 341 [REDACTED] reported to me that he had been assaulted by members of Highways Hotel Staff outside the hotel a short time earlier.

Along with [REDACTED] and Constable Doherty I went to the Highways Hotel to investigate. On arrival at Donaghys Lane convenient to the hotel I spoke to one of KIN 341 mates whom I now know as Richard Kerr, 17 years, Hotel Porter (Europa Hotel) Kincora House, 236 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. He was seated in the front of a Fiat car in Donaghy's Lane. While I spoke to Kerr he was lifting money, 10p's, 5p's, 2P's and 1p's off the floor and putting them in the front passenger compartment of the car. (This car was in fact hired out by KIN 341 for the day).

A few minutes later [REDACTED] Assistant Manager, of Highways Hotel came to the scene. He told me that money, silver and copper had been stolen from the hotel and that he suspected one of KIN 341 mates, the youth whom he knew worked in the Europa Hotel, Belfast.

By this time Kerr and KIN 341 had left with other police to try and find their mate KIN 340 [REDACTED] years, Unemployed labourer, [REDACTED] He had run away at the time of the fight. Accompanied by Constable Doherty I returned to the Fiat car and found £15.05 made up as follows of silver and copper:

10p	-	£3.60
5p	-	£9.05
1p	-	£2.40
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In the Police station later after interviewing [REDACTED] and Kerr re the assault I interviewed them re the theft. I obtained a statement from Kerr admitting the theft of the money from the Hotel.

It appears that the theft took place about 10 pm on 3.10.77. Kerr went to the reception desk to make a telephone call, he saw the money, and returned later when there was no one behind the desk and stole the money. Kerr states that neither of his mates [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] knew anything about the theft. I do not believe that they did as they would have left the Hotel sooner.

When KIN 341 was interviewed about the theft he stated verbally after caution "I don't need to steal money like that, there is a bookies docket for £400. Kerr was out of the Hotel most of the night. I thought that he was out at the car".

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at Kincora. [REDACTED] report refers to him settling in well and obtaining a job as a porter at the Europa Hotel. This is somewhat ambiguous because KERR obviously continued attending school until aged 16 years and would have been at Kincora for two years before taking up employment at the Europa Hotel. According to [REDACTED] - from information apparently gained from MAINS - KERR was subdued and quiet during his first year at Kincora. It was only when he came under the influence of two other boys that difficulties arose. [REDACTED] is probably referring to Stephen WARING and his [REDACTED] although a third boy, [REDACTED] also became friendly with KERR. Prior to Stephen WARING being lodged at Kincora he had been receiving training at Rathgael Training School following convictions with [REDACTED] in May 1974 for stealing, and again in June of that year for similar offences. The Rathgael Training School is an establishment that exists for the purpose of providing training and guidance for boys who have been convicted of criminal offences by the Juvenile Courts.

414. Stephen WARING's first contact with Kincora and KERR took place in February 1976 on weekend release from Rathgael and in August of that year he became a full time resident at Kincora.

[REDACTED]

## ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

'P' Division LARNE Sub-Division  
 LARNE Station/Branch 2nd December, 1977 Date  
 SUBJECT THEFT AND TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLES -  
 STEPHEN WARING and RICHARD KERR

Sergeant 'C' Section  
 TO .....

On 22.9.77 I was Observer in the D.M.P. car accompanied by Constable McElhinney. At approximately 12.30 a.m. I received a call to go to the Harbour Area in Larne and contact Mr. [REDACTED] who is a Harbour Policeman. On my way to the Harbour via the Harbour Highway I met two youths walking along the side of the highway in the direction of Belfast at a few hundred yards from the roundabout at Ship Street. I stopped both these youths and asked them who they were and where they were going. They gave me their names and addresses and I then put them both in the Police car to take them back to Larne Police Station to check both boys out as to their names and addresses as neither had any identification on them. At this point the Harbour patrol van pulled up alongside me. A man whom I know to be [REDACTED] a Harbour Policeman, got out of this van and approached me. He was carrying a black holdall bag. He told me that the two boys he had called us earlier to see had entered a house on the Coastguard Road and came out carrying something which he believed was this bag. On checking the bag out I found it contained school books and belonged to [REDACTED]. I then told [REDACTED] that I had picked up two youths whom I was going to have check out. He identified both boys as the boys whom he had called us earlier about and also the boys involved with taking the bag out of the house on [REDACTED]. Both boys denied all knowledge of this when I asked them about the matter.

I then went to [REDACTED] the home of [REDACTED] and found the front door to be open and the inside door just beyond this to be ajar. I went inside and found the place to be in darkness. I then called out but no-one answered. I had a look around and could see nothing irregular. I then went out to the car and had both boys conveyed to Larne Police Station where we arrived at 12.50 a.m. I ascertained that boys - Richard Kerr and Stephen Waring - were from 236 Newtownards Road, Belfast.

At approximately 1.00 a.m. I called round again to the home of [REDACTED] who by this time was at home. I asked him if he found anything irregular about the house and then when he told me there wasn't I produced the holdall bag and asked him if he recognised it. He said he thought it belonged to his daughter. I handed this bag to him and he ascertained that the bag did indeed belong to his daughter. He said that his daughter leaves her bag at the bottom of the stairs in the hallway every night ready for School in the mornings. See attached Statement of [REDACTED]. I then went back to the Police Station and arranged transport for the boys to be taken back to Belfast. Both boys were collected by a [REDACTED] of Rathgael Training Centre.

Commander Mullan, R.M.  
Mr Blackburn, B.L.

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Subject:- Adjournments - Belfast Juvenile Court

(1) Stephen Waring, [REDACTED] 236 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast.

(2) Richard Kerr, [REDACTED] 236 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast.

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Sub Divisional Commander,  
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**POLICE OFFICE  
JUVENILE SECTION**

**14 OCT 1977**

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R.U.C. TOWNHALL STREET  
BELFAST

Listed for hearing at Belfast Juvenile Court on this date  
have been adjourned to 21 October 1977 in custody in Rathgael

Reason(s) for adjournment Police enquiries continuing

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Required Yes/No</u>
D/C Scully	Strandtown	Yes
<u>and others as known ?</u>		

Files retained at this office.

John Hammond

Inspector - Juvenile Court

The Escort should be made aware that Kerr 'out'  
himself to-day in the cells with a razor he  
brought from Rathgael. He should be thoroughly  
searched by the Escort before being taken over at  
Rathgael on 21.10.77.



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## GOVERNOR'S JOURNAL

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		5 Feb



Mr. Murphy stated in his report that he found Richie emotionally unstable. That Richie's attitude was indifferent and that he, Richie, felt that he would serve the full two years because he fully expected to get into trouble during training.

*Social Services - Asked for an opinion on the case stated that we would be taking no position, but would offer a place to Richie should the court decide to release him*

Because of this attitude Mr. Murphy felt that Richie was not the most suitable candidate for Borstal training, yet he stated that on reading his case file he found himself in support of the training school headmasters report which recommended that Richie should stay in Borstal.

Accordingly this was the recommendation to the court.

Social Services had been very conscious that Richie's appeal might succeed and we had therefore made some considerable efforts to see that accommodation and work would be available to Richie if he were to be discharged.

We had worked closely with N.I.A.C.R.O. in trying to find accommodation for Richie but to no avail.

Eventually we contacted the working boys hostel in Craigavon and it was agreed that they would look sympathetically at his case, but insisted that a case conference should be set up, if the appeal succeeded.

In the meantime, we had arranged for Bed & Breakfast accommodation for Richie in a Guest House in Botanic Avenue. We had also been in touch with the Employments Officer of the special care service in Wellington Park, who agreed to try to find employment for Richie and thought that the prospects were quite good.

On the day of the appeal, the senior social worker concerned was in court, however the report for the court was done by the probation officer and handed in on his behalf.

However, the magistrate felt that the decision taken in the previous court was the correct one and upheld the sentence. Richie was taken back to Millisle and re-admitted to the closed section where he was to remain until the authorities felt that he was ready to be released to the open part of the Borstal.

On that same day, and obviously as a result of the outcome of the court case, Richie made another more serious attempt on his life. This time glass was used from the window of the cell to slash both wrists and one leg. The damage to the leg was fairly serious and skin grafting had to be carried out. Richie was taken immediately to the military wing of Musgrave Park Hospital where he was held until 31st March, 1978. The long delay was caused by the fact that he contracted chicken pox while there and was unable to have a skin graft until this had been cured.

We had great difficulty in gaining admittance to the hospital to see Richie and on one occasion the Senior Social Worker and I were held up for over two hours while attempts were made to contact outside police units who were to come in and search us. The Probation Officer who was dealing with Richie's case was also off ill, however we were in close touch with the Senior Probation officer, Mr. Fred Cackett, who also happened to be the person dealing with liason between the Probation Service in general and the Borstal authorities.

Although I had several conversations with the officers in charge of both the open and closed sections of Millisle regarding Richie, it was felt that in the circumstances Mr. Cackett was the best person to liase with the Borstal authorities on his behalf.

I did have a conversation with Mr. Murphy on the day following Richie's admittance to Musgrave Park. Mr. Murphy appeared very concerned about the boy. He stated that he regretted the lack of psychiatric Borstal accommodation in N. Ireland, which would have been suitable for the boy and that he doubted Richie's ability to complete a borstal sentence. His exact words were that he was now "looking for help" in how to deal with the situation.

RATHGAEL SCHOOL  
RATHGAEL RD.  
BANBOR.

Dear mr mains Tues. 8<sup>th</sup>/11/77.

I hope you  
are keeping well. I was up  
in court on Tuesday I  
was remanded ~~for~~ <sup>MAY</sup> for a week  
16th. I ~~could~~ have a  
chance this time I would  
like you to come up  
this week I am very  
worried and I would like  
to see my Welfare OFFICER.  
if I get off I will  
join the army please help  
me. I would like to  
go back to the hostel  
Will you come up to  
court. This Wednesday  
I am very Sorry. This time

Richard

KIN-119515

It's up to the Webfare  
report.

please help.

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go there for the Country and Western music. I went out with these older men because I had no friends and I knew them from their visits to Williamson House. There was no other reason - just as friends. They phoned me to Kincora and made the arrangements to go out. I had no prior arrangement with them. While I was in Kincora from July 1975 to November 1977 I looked on Joe Mains as a father. I was very fond of him. When I was doing break-ins he said to me that he knew I was doing them. He asked me to tell him the whole story about the break-ins and I told him part of it, that is about doing some break-ins. I mean by break-ins, breaking into houses and stealing. Later the police caught up with me for the break-ins. I used to sit up late at nights discussing my future with Joe Mains. A couple of times he gave me Baby Cham to drink. Once I brought him whiskey which I knew he liked. These discussions and drinks took place in Joe Mains flat in the hostel. I looked up to and respected Joe Mains and while I was in his flat he did not touch me or say anything to me which would have suggested anything of a homosexual nature. At the hostel Mr McGrath, the house master, was known as a homosexual. Boys in the hostel told me that he had tried it on them. Some of these boys are - **KIN 46** and a boy named **HIA 533** McGrath used to play around with me by pulling my jumper and wrestling with me. He would pull me close to him, his front to my back and press his belly up against me. It wasn't normal wrestling and I knew he was enjoying it in a homosexual way. The boys used to tell me that McGrath put his hands round their private parts. Mr Mains knew that all this was going on because the boys told him. I was not there when Joe Mains was told but the boys told me that he had been told. This all happened while I was in Kincora from July 1975 to 1977 (November). After these complaints were made to Joe Mains the woman cleaner wakened us in the morning. This had always been McGrath's job and it was while wakening the boys he would feel them under the bed clothes. When I made the threats about Joe Mains to the police and social workers that if he did not come to court I would tell all, I was referring to the drinks I had in

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fifteen months after discharge from the reception unit. I remember he (Mr Mains) brought in some sweets and various other similar items for Richard. I remember this quite clearly because Mr Mains told me that he was very concerned about him and that he was very keen to have Richard back at Kincora. It is not unusual for hostel warders to visit any of the boys in the reception unit. On 21st October 1977 he was discharged from court to Kincora Hostel. He was again sent to this unit on 7th November 1977 by Detective Chief Inspector Bell of Strandtown RUC for theft. He appeared at Belfast Juvenile Court on 8th, 16th November 1977 and on the 7th December when he was remanded for a borstal report to Rathgael on the 21st December 1977 when he was sent to Millisle Borstal. During this period with us he returned from court on the 7th November 1977 with self inflicted wounds to his wrists, this was caused by apparent depression. He was seen by Dr Clenaghan our visiting consultant psychiatrist who submitted a report for the court on 21st December 1977. On one occasion when he was last with us I was informed by one of my staff that a razor blade had gone missing. I contacted the court immediately as Richard had already gone to court and a search of him revealed the razor blade. On return to the unit that evening Richard told me that he was very depressed firstly because of his close friend's Stephen's death and secondly that he had little to live for. He had no qualms about committing suicide but attempts made up until he left us on 21st December 1977 revealed nothing more than severe symptoms of attention seeking. My impression of Mr Mains when he visited Richard was that the relationship between them was closer than normal than a staff/boy relationship and this was borne out by comments by my members of staff who knew Richard and worked in his unit. Notes of admission dates are

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Signature witnessed by R J Parry D/C

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to Mr David Morrow, Senior Social Worker attached to Mulholland Terrace. It was during Richard's court appearances that I came in contact with D/Constable Scully of Strandtown Police. During conversations with Mr Scully he expressed concern about the general situation in Kincora Hostel. He mentioned the fact that boys were out of control and when they disappeared from the Hostel at nights their disappearances may not have been reported to the police until the following morning making it very difficult for the police to act. It was only when I got the feeling that Mr Scully was trying to indicate to me that there was something more going on than bad management of the Hostel that I put an open question to him "Ritchie seems to have a very close relationship with Joe Mains?" He replied, "That it was indeed a very close relationship". I understood from this response that in Mr Scully's opinion the relationship between Ritchie and Joe Mains was something more than would normally exist between a client and a Residential Social Worker. At one of the court remands before Ritchie was convicted of these charges I visited him in the police room in the court in Chichester Street. Ritchie didn't want me and asked, "Why isn't Joe Mains here?" He was reluctant to discuss his circumstances with me. Around this time I visited Ritchie on two occasions in Rathgael while he was on remand. The only verbal response I got was, "Where is Joe Mains and when is he coming to see me and when am I getting out?" He seemed to be looking for confirmation that he would get back to Kincora. I discussed Ritchie's case with Mr Morrow and Mr Mains on several occasions. I did not discuss my suspicions about Ritchie and Mains with Joe Mains. I reported these suspicions to David Morrow and Mr Gordon Higham. What I reported was my conversations with D/Constable Scully and my meetings with Richard Kerr and also my feelings on the matter. I was told by David Morrow that there was an enquiry going on by the DHSS and the police. I should say that I questioned Ritchie after the second occasion he was arrested for stealing £80 from the Hostel about allegations that men called at the Hostel at nights and took him up the Antrim Coast. I'm not quite sure but I think it was D/Constable Scully

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D/C SCULLY  
BY MR SHEIL

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Q If you look at the list, if you look at R.20 and R.35, do you see the names of the two youths you went to visit on 4 October, 1977.

A R.20 is correct. R.35 is not.

Q It's not correct?

A No.

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MR KENNEDY: I think the second person to whom you wish to refer is deceased and I think he may have already been mentioned and given a different number.

MR SHEIL: Well as long as we know who we're talking about. What is the correct number Mr Kennedy?

MR KENNEDY: R.37.

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MR SHEIL: R.37. Now prior to that visit on 4 October 1977, did you know that the Superintendent in charge at the Hostel was Mr Joseph Mains?

A Yes I knew Joseph Mains and I knew Raymond Semple.

Q And prior to that visit on 4 October 1977, did you have any suspicions about Mr Mains in relation to homosexuality?

A I had, yes.

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Q And would you just tell the Tribunal what exactly was the nature of that suspicion and what it was grounded upon?

A Well for a long time I had seen him in the company of a very well known homosexual.

Q And is that R.2 on the list?

A That is correct.

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Q But apart from seeing him in the company of R.2, had you any evidence at all to ground that suspicion?

A No evidence, just suspicion.

Q At that stage did you know that R.2 had been a former resident at Kincora: that was in October 1977?

A No I did not, no.

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Q Had you had occasion prior to October 1977 to go to Kincora from time to time about various police enquiries?

A That is correct. At times some of the lads had got involved in trouble and I had to call there in the line of duty.

Q During the course of those visits and other enquiries, had anybody at any time made any complaint to you about any homosexual conduct, either by the staff or by any other residents of the home?

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A None whatsoever.

Q Turning to the morning of 4 October 1977, when you arrived there to see R.20 and R.37, in relation to R.20 if I may concentrate upon him for a moment - was he about the Hostel or was he still in bed when you called?

A He was still in bed. I spoke to Semple. He was the only person who was there.

Q Semple was the Deputy Superintendent?

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A He was the Deputy Superintendent, yes.

Q And did he say anything in relation to R.20?

A He told me that R.20 wasn't long in bed, that he had come in at 7.00 a.m. very much under the influence of drink.

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Q Did he then go off and waken R.20 and bring him down to you?  
A He did yes.

Q And did you then bring R.20 and R.37 to Strandtown Police Station?  
A Yes. I detained them and took them down to Strandtown C.I.D. Office.

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Q Dealing with R.20, did you question him in relation with the burglaries?  
A I did.

Q Did he ask at that stage for anybody to come and see him, or to get in touch with anybody on his behalf?

A He wasn't very long in the Station until he asked for Mr Mains to be rung and informed that he was there and that he wanted to see him.

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Q Did he ask on a number of occasions throughout that day to see Mr Mains?  
A Mr Mains was contacted and he said he'd be there at lunch time. He didn't turn up at lunchtime. There were two telephone calls made altogether. On the last occasion it was about half-past-one, two o'clock and I said that Mr Mains would be done later on and he said - "He'd better".

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Q When R.20 said to you that "he'd better", what did you understand from that?

A He was very vehement in the way he said it, a threatening attitude. He actually wanted to speak to Mr Mains on the phone and I wouldn't let him.

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Q Did you become suspicious at that stage by reason of this comment?  
A It was the first time I had met R.20 and his whole mannerisms led me to a suspicion, and I asked two other C.I.D. men to go in and have a look at him as well and see what they thought of him because he was effeminate and had the hallmarks of a homosexual.

Q Did Mr Mains then eventually arrive down at the Police Station?  
A Yes. He came down about half-past three/four o'clock in the afternoon.

Q And did R.20 request to see him in private, that is in the absence of any Police Officer?

A As soon as he came in he asked to see him in private. I granted this. He spoke to him and then there were statements taken in relation to the series of crimes which I had detected.

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Q In the course of your discussions with R.20 and your investigations, eventually terminating with statements taken from him, did you ask R.20 if he had any complaints to make against anybody in Kincora, either staff or residents?

A That is correct.

Q And what reply, if any, did he make to that?

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A He said he had no complaints whatsoever.

Q And did you then eventually take R.20 and R.37 down to the Station? They were at the Station at this stage were they?

A They were at the Station, yes.

Q Were they detained overnight there, or elsewhere?

A I formally arrested and charged them at about 8.30 that night and conveyed them to Rathgael Training School.

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Q And then on the following morning, 5 October 1977, did they both appear at the Juvenile Court in Belfast?

A Both appeared at the Juvenile Court in Belfast on the following day, 5 October 1977.

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A No he didn't.

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D/C SCULLY  
BY MR SHEIL

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Q Was he sent to borstal for three years?

A I asked that the cases pending from 21 October be dealt with, and all were dealt with on that day, and he was sent to borstal that day.

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Q If I may go back to October 1977 when R 20 and R 35 first came to your attention, you have told the tribunal about your concern, having met R 20, that he had some homosexual tendencies, that you had some suspicions about Mr Mains, and that you were concerned there might be some connection between R 20 and Mr Mains of a homosexual nature. Did you discuss it at this stage with any colleague at the police station?

A Yes, I discussed it with the head of Juvenile Liaison Branch, Sgt Sillery, Chief Inspector now.

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Q He will perhaps elaborate to the tribunal on exactly what that liaison branch was, but will you briefly tell the tribunal what it was?

A It was a pilot scheme that had just been set up in part of Belfast to deal with juveniles who had never been in trouble before, and if they did get in trouble they would be dealt with by the Juvenile Liaison Branch rather than be taken to court.

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Q Did you tell Sgt Sillery of your suspicions about Mr Mains and about R 20 and that you thought there might be a connection between the two because of the threats he appeared to be making about Mr Mains?

A That is correct.

E

Q We know that on 14 November 1977 Mr Scoular and the last witness, Mr Higham, called down at the Strandtown Police Station. Were you there at that time?

A No, I was not there that day.

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Q Do you recall subsequently on 5 December 1977 you and Sgt Sillery went to Purdysburn Hospital to see Mr Scoular?

A Yes, we went to Purdysburn to his office.

Q Can you recollect who was there apart from Mr Scoular?

A No, there were just the three of us.

Q What exactly did you say to Mr Scoular, yourself and your colleague Sgt Sillery? What was the discussion that took place?

A I wanted to speak to Mr Scoular regarding my disquiet at Kincora, and also to inform him, which he had already learned from Sgt Sillery, of the number of times boys had been caught committing offences, their late hours, etc.

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Q So there were really two aspects of your concern. One was about the spate of burglaries and petty crime from Kincora, and the other was your concern that there might be some homosexual activity going on?

A Yes, homosexual activity between R 20 and Joe Mains.

Q Did you specifically refer to Mr Mains?

A Yes.

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Q What if anything did Mr Scoular say with regard to Mr Mains?

A He said he could not believe that about Mr Mains. The only member



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20. I do not know how many other boys in Kincora were abused, but I know my friend Stephen was. There were also boys there who I believed were plants as they seemed not to fit in. They were two brothers aged around 18 or 19 and I now believe they may have been placed there by the security forces or security services to keep an eye at what was going on. Although I remember their names I would not like to name them in this affidavit in case I am incorrect and being unfair on them. I also believe that some of the other boys were paid off so they wouldn't talk.
21. The abuse stopped when I ended up in a Courtroom due to being charged with theft, and sent to Rathgael remand centre. Around this time I stood in the Courtroom and told everybody I would tell everybody what was going on in Kincora if Joseph Mains did not come down to the Courthouse for me. I believe this happened in November 1977. This was later reported in a newspaper article by Peter McKenna published on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1980 which is exhibited to this affidavit [RK1 Tab 1].
22. I also remember in 1977 being in a police station off the Holywood Road, and telling them about the abuse at Kincora. I remember police officers who were friends with Joseph Mains hit me over the head with a telephone book and said "what have you been saying?"
23. Around this time my friend Stephen was sent to Rathgael. He ran away from Rathgael and got a boat to Liverpool. He was caught and put back on the boat to Belfast and he apparently jumped off the boat and died. I believe he committed suicide as a result of the abuse he had suffered, we had previously spoken about committing suicide together.
24. Eventually the "Irish Times" got hold of the story and that was when the investigation started to happen.
25. I started to injure myself many times and I was sent to Rathgael again and placed at Borstal, a home for young offenders. I was there when the police were investigating the sexual abuse at Kincora. When I was there I was visited by Joe

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MR CONWAY  
BY MR LYNCH

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Q Did you have any further discussions with any of these people about Kincora?

A It would be difficult to say "no" because there was an on-going working relationship with some of the people in the district, but not directly about Kincora.

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Q Had you ever received any complaints from those in your care who were placed in Kincora about the sexual behaviour or misbehaviour of the staff there?

A No. I had a number of boys placed in Kincora from 1974 through until that present time, the last being R37, and at no time did any boy make a complaint about any sort of homosexual behaviour or any sort of --

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THE CHAIRMAN: What was the review procedure to be?

A Again, we compared that to other hostels and to the review procedure possibly within Rathgael at the time. Boys were set on a regular review, whether it be monthly or bi-monthly, and the field social worker, in other words the placing social worker, would review cases with the hostel staff and the district staff. This had been going on, but to formalise that more, I have minutes in R37's file that a review had taken place in June 1977 on R37.

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Q That would be the field social worker and the head of Kincora, or wherever the boy was?

A Yes, and in R37's case it involved the school as well. There was the home links teacher as well, but this was to formalise more the review procedure at Kincora, so that mainly boys' behaviour could be monitored.

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MR LYNCH: Did R37 ever give you any reason to believe that he had been abused sexually in Kincora?

A R37 made no comments at all about abuse of any sort.

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Q Was he the sort of boy who would have confided in you if he had had any complaints? Was he articulate?

A Yes, I had known R37 and the family of R37 for some time. R37 returned to Rathgael on that remand period quite of his own free will. In some ways he liked Rathgael too much, in that sense.

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Q What ultimately happened to him?

A R37 absconded from the school on Friday, 25 November 1977, and went to Liverpool with his [REDACTED]. They were arrested when they were disembarking from the Liverpool boat and then placed back on the boat when it turned round to return to Belfast.

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Q Were they accompanied?

A They were not accompanied. Then on Sunday, 27 November 1977 there was a report from Musgrave Street police that R37 had been lost overboard, that the ship had carried out its search procedure off the Isle of Man, and that R37 was now presumed drowned.

Q Did you attend the subsequent Board of Trade inquiry into that accident?

A I did. That was on 9 February 1978.

Q Do you know what the official finding of the inquiry was?

A There was a Mr Winkle who presided, and the official finding was "Lost at sea, killed or drowned as a result of a fall from the vessel".

out of the report. Mr Morrow's evidence was that he gave Mrs Gogarty this advice firstly because there was very little substance to the matter at that stage and he was not prepared to have it committed to a Social Services file; and secondly because files in the Falls Road office were not secure owing to frequent break-ins. We consider that D/Con Scully's suspicions, which we believe Mr Morrow and Mrs Gogarty shared, were significant and relevant to R20 as a social work client and that their involvement in the consideration of those suspicions should have been recorded by them, if necessary on a sub-file to be kept in more secure premises.

- 4.197 Mrs Gogarty's report did refer to a suicide pact between R20 and R37 which had been made known at some point to Mr Morrow. R20's 1980 police statement indicated that he and R37 agreed that they would commit suicide if they were arrested for the burglaries which they had committed. R37 absconded from Rathgael Training School on 25 November 1977 and went to Liverpool with his brother. They were arrested on arrival, put on the boat to Belfast and, in the early hours of 27 November, R37 was lost overboard. R37 had been drinking heavily on the boat and had threatened to commit suicide. He climbed onto the boat's railings, was restrained, but later climbed onto the railings again, fell into the sea and was lost. A Board of Trade Inquiry found that he was "lost at sea, believed killed or drowned following a fall from the vessel". R37's brother made a statement to the police to the effect that R37, with whom he was very close, never mentioned anything with a homosexual connotation and that he believed R37 committed suicide due to a combination of being drunk and not wanting to return to Rathgael. There is, therefore, no evidence that homosexual misconduct had any relevance to the death of R37. In this connection it is worth noting that Mr Morrow's March 1982 Terry Inquiry statement corrected his February 1980 police statement which had indicated that R20 had accompanied R37 to Liverpool. In his 1982 statement Mr Morrow said that he had repeated what R20 had told him. The "Irish Times" of 13 January 1982 carried an article which referred to the death of R37 and said "It is known that the boy who jumped from the Liverpool boat had also complained to a senior social worker about homosexual offences at Kincora when he was admitted to Rathgael. This social worker took the complaint to his superiors and was told that a high-level inquiry

into Kincora was already under way". There is no evidence that R37 made any complaint about homosexual activity at Kincora. We consider that this reference confused R37 with R20.

- 4.198 We have already referred (paragraph 4.185) to the evidence relating to a possible directive, in late 1977, to the effect that R20 was not to be sent back to Kincora. Mr Morrow's evidence also raised the possibility of a similar directive at a later date. At points in his evidence he appeared to link this with Mrs Gogarty's report, at others to R20's release from Borstal in early 1979. He was not categorical as to the source of the directive but mentioned as possibilities Mr Robert Blair, Principal Social Worker (Fieldwork Services) for the District; Mr Brian Coulter, who was Mr Blair's predecessor; and Mr Joseph Dunne, APSW in the District. Mr Blair gave evidence that he neither received or passed on any directive about Kincora. Mr Coulter submitted a statement to the effect that his tenure as PSW ended on 31 January 1978 and that he neither gave nor received any directive regarding R20. Mr Dunne provided a statement to the effect that he was not employed in the Falls Road sub-office until February/March 1978 and that at no time did he receive a directive or pass one on to Mr Morrow. He did say, however, that during 1978 Mr Morrow had mentioned that Kincora was under investigation but that no formal discussion took place. The evidence as to the timing and source of any such directive is not sufficiently clear to establish what actually occurred. What is clear is that Mr Morrow regarded Kincora as an unsuitable placement for R20 and that he acted on that conviction.
- 4.199 R20 was released from Borstal on licence on 9 February 1979. In the period preceding his release, it had become apparent that there was a difference of opinion between the Probation Service and the Eastern Board as to which agency was formally responsible for finding him accommodation. The Board placed him in Williamson House, a home in North Belfast, as a stopgap measure immediately following his release. Mrs Judith Kennedy, a Social Worker based in the Falls Road sub-office of the North and West Belfast District, had taken over the case file of R20's family from Mrs Gogarty in September 1978 but had not taken on R20 as a client because he was in Borstal. Nonetheless it was she who, de facto, assumed the responsibility for finding R20 accommodation although the records show that the Board regarded this as a Probation Service responsibility and subsequently received a legal opinion to that effect. [REDACTED] gave

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[REDACTED] He offered me a boarding room in his house if I got a job. I got a job in a hotel and moved into [REDACTED] house in September 1979. I pay him £15.00 a week rent. He bought me a watch for Christmas. There is nothing going on between him and I. Back in 1978 [REDACTED] who had been in Borstal told me that there was something in the Belfast Telegraph about homosexual play acting in Kincora. I did not see this in the Belfast Telegraph but I believed what he said because I knew it was going on. I met Stephen Waring in Kincora Hostel. He came there after me. I think he came to Kincora in 1977. He and I got involved with a **KIN 274** who was also in Kincora. **KIN 274** planned the break-ins that I have referred to and Stephen and I helped him to carry them out. Stephen and I felt we were under pressure from **KIN 274** and we decided if we were caught we would go to London, take a lot of drink and then take an over dose of tablets. We were intending to commit suicide. It was Stephen who suggested suicide. I did not go to London and I didn't go out drinking with him or take tablets. We were both in Rathgael Training School when he escaped and I heard a short time later that he was supposed to have jumped overboard on the Liverpool boat. Since Stephen's death I have slashed my wrists on seven occasions. Once in the Court, twice in Rathgael and four times in Borstal. Once I was serious, that was in Borstal in a cell. The remainder I was not serious about suicide but only wanted attention for I was crying out for help. I got hospital treatment on each occasion. I was questioned by Mr Morrow and Mrs Gogarty about three times my reason for going with **KIN 340** and **KIN 341** I just said what I have told you. They also asked me why I was so close to Mr Mains. I told them that I looked on him as a father.

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action was taken and Edmonds remained at Millisle Borstal.

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355. Duncan Mark McLAUGHLIN, Governor of HM Borstal, Millisle, states that shortly after Edmonds was transferred to the Borstal he was informally told by Dr Elliott of his suspicions regarding Edmonds, however, it was emphasised by Dr Elliott that he had no proof of any homosexual behaviour and therefore no action could be taken.

356. When Richard Kerr was interviewed on 25 February 1980 he made references to a close relationship with Edmonds who was Hospital Orderly during which time Kerr was detained in Borstal at Millisle.

357. Kerr did not make any specific allegations however and police decided to pursue the relationship and interviewed Edmonds on 10 April 1980.

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358. The interview was conducted by Detective Constables Preater and McGladdery and a statement after caution was recorded by these officers.

359. In his statement Edmonds says that about six weeks after Kerr was admitted to Borstal, 21 December 1977, he committed an act of gross indecency with him in the surgery. He also admits that on two occasions subsequently he attempted to masturbate Kerr but was unable to do so because of Kerr's physical condition ie his penis was too small.

360. When Kerr left Borstal, Edmonds contacted him again in the Park Avenue Hotel, Holywood Road, Belfast, and later in the Bishops court Hotel, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast. Both meetings took place in or around January 1979. Edmonds states that an act of sodomy took place at the Park Avenue Hotel when he was the dominant partner. Nothing apparently in this respect took place at the other hotel.

## WRITTEN STATEMENT AFTER CAUTION

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM EDMONDSADDRESS: [REDACTED]OCCUPATION: [REDACTED]AGE: 42 yrsTAKEN BY: S G PREATER D/CAT: BANGOR RUC STATIONON: 10TH APRIL 1980 IN PRESENCE OF: W McGLADDERY, D/C

I, William Edmonds : Wish to make a statement.  
I want someone to write down what I say. I have been told that I need  
not say anything unless I wish to do so and that whatever I say may be  
given in evidence.

(Sgd) William Edmonds

SIGNATURE OF STATEMENT MAKER

I reside at the above address with my mother and I work in Ross's  
Poultry at Millisle. Before this I worked as a Hospital Officer in  
the Borstal Millisle. I think it was about the Summer of 1976 I went  
into the Borstal in Millisle. My duties were to give out medicines  
and tend to minor injuries. I had worked there for about one and a  
half to two years when a boy called Richard Kerr was admitted to the  
Borstal. After he had been in for about six weeks I saw him one day  
in the Surgery, he was there for medical treatment. Him and I were  
alone and he was dressed only in a dressing-gown. I opened his  
dressing-gown and started playing with his buttocks and balls. He just  
said that it was nice but didn't touch me. I asked him if I could  
ride him and he said yes. I took out my cock and was about to have  
sex by putting it up his arse when I heard someone coming. I fixed  
myself and also his dressing-gown and then Mr Vance walked into the  
Surgery. He didn't seem to suspect anything. Richard was then taken



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AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"):

Telephonist

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS:

ADDRESS:

I declare that this statement consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 26th day of October 19 82

R.A. Flenley C/Insp.

Richard Kerr.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

I am employed as a telephonist at Mount Pleasant Hotel, Kings Cross Road, London. I have been asked by Detective Superintendent HARRISON about the statements that I made in 1980 to the R.U.C.

The first statement is dated 25th February 1980. It is all true up to the point where I talk about my friendship with Billy EDMONDS the medical orderly at Woburn House, Millisle. He didn't do anything to me whilst I was at Millisle but after I left he committed buggery upon me after I had gone to his house. The next morning he made a gift to me of a radio. Twice after that he saw me and attempted to have sex with me but I refused. I didn't tell the R.U.C. about EDMONDS bugging me when they interviewed me in 1980 because I was embarrassed and I thought they were only interested in Kincora. The rest of my statement is true up to the point where I refer to lodging at [REDACTED] and I maintained a homosexual relationship for two years. He didn't force me into the relationship. My second statement dated 26th February 1980 is true. Another man who had a homosexual relationship with me was Brother Eric WITCHELL. After I left Millisle I went and stayed at Williamson House where WITCHELL was in charge. I was at Williamson House for about six weeks. During that time

Richard Kerr.

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COPY - Mr. F. Cackett, Senior Probation Officer  
Director of Social Services

WRS/RB/AL

14th March 1979

Mr. P. Patrick,  
Assistant Chief Probation Officer,  
Linenhall Street,  
Belfast.

Dear Mr. Patrick,

Re: Richie Kerr  
At Present: Williamson House Children's Home,  
Belfast

Further to our telephone conversation today I would draw your attention urgently to the above-named boy. Your department requested us to accommodate Richie on his release on licence from Millisle Borstal from the 9th February 1979. This arrangement to terminate on his admission to a placement at Corrymeela on 1st March 1979. However, it is now some six months since the initial placement. During this time Richie's behaviour and the situation in the children's home has gradually deteriorated beyond the control of the staff of the children's home. We have encountered such difficulty in four areas with him:-

1. Drunkenness - He has on a number of occasions arrived at the children's home in a drunken state. This has happened three times in the past four days. On the third occasion on Monday, 12th March 1979, he was brought home by a number of men from the Europa Hotel. All the men were drunk and they entered the children's home at 10.45 p.m. They caused such a fracas that the Officer-in-Charge feared for the staff and the children and called the police. The men left in a taxi. There is great fear amongst the staff that Richie will cause these men to call again especially as there are several nights each week when there are no male staff on duty.
2. Homosexual Activity - Residential and social work staff believe that Richie has been consorting with a number of men he knew previously in the Belfast area. In the past week or so he has come into a considerable amount of money. There are strong suspicions which suggest that the money was procured. It is wrong to allow Richie to remain in the Belfast area with his degree of instability.
3. Suicide - He has begun to talk seriously again about committing suicide. Given his former history of suicide attempts it would be vital that concern should be given to these threats. It is evident that he is unhappy and unsettled in his present environment.

/P.T.O. ....

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MRS KENNEDY  
BY MR SMITH

A Q Was Williamson House an appropriate or - superficially, on the face of it - the right place for a boy of his age to go?  
A No.

THE CHAIRMAN: He was too old?

A Technically he was not but it is a children's home. R20 was a difficult youngster and there actually was not room at the home, so he was placed actually in Eric Witchell's flat.

B MR SMITH: On the face of it, again, was a hostel not a more appropriate place for him?  
A Yes. A hostel for adolescents would have been more suitable.

Q Why was he not placed in a hostel for adolescents?

C A I was informed by David Morrow, who was my senior, that hostels were not ..... well, that Kincora, first, was not an alternative and that any other hostels in East Belfast were not alternatives either.

Q When you say, "any other hostels in East Belfast", that assumes that there were other hostels in East Belfast. Did you know the fact is that there was only one hostel in East Belfast?

D A At the time I had only been living and working in Belfast for 15 months, so it really did not mean a whole lot to me, and East Belfast is a whole different world, but that was the clear message I was given.

Q Can I ask you just this other question about your dealings with R20: did you notice anything about him? You say that he was a boy with problems, and so on, and I think you related or you will have related to apparently suicidal tendencies, but did you notice anything else about his demeanour or his manner that led you to suspect any proclivity on his part?

E A The first impression that I got of him when I first met him, he was very stressed, very agitated. He used to get red all up here (witness indicated) and that was the first time I met him. He very quickly transmitted to me a high level of stress, which meant that I went back into the agency and was really trying to sort things out for him around accommodation. The possibility of his sexual orientation, being homosexual, that began to emerge mainly in information I was getting from David Morrow, and concerns that he had had in the previous year.

Q So you say in your statement of 21 April 1982:

"R20 was a disturbed boy with homosexual inclinations ....."

G Really, what I was asking you was what the source of that opinion was. Was it that others, or someone else, reported a suspicion of the proclivity, or was this something that you could deduce from his demeanour?

A It was received information, mostly. I also knew that his history was having strong attachments to men. I also knew for myself that he did not connect with me in the way that ..... I mean, that he was more interested in male adult figures. But in my report of the 15th I am saying clearly there is no hard evidence of it; and certainly when we checked with Millisle they were

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Employment

Mr. Pentland arranged for Richie to start work at the Stormont Hotel. Finding employment is a duty, apparently, incumbent on the licensee. From a casework point of view I was surprised at this move as Corrymeela seemed to offer Richie an opportunity of far greater therapeutic value. Mr. Pentland was and continues to be, under considerable pressure from Williamson House to have Richie occupied during the day and this was a factor in his decision to offer Richie the opportunity of the job. Mr. Pentland had arranged for Richie to attend Felson Training Centre - but Richie disliked the Centre and was refusing to go.

Williamson House

At the time Richie was admitted to Williamson House the staff were told that he could be there until the 1st of March. Richie is living in Eric's flat and is making enormous demands on Eric's time. Eric is frequently up until the early hours of the morning talking to Richie and unless he actually leaves the house Eric's off-duty is usually interrupted by Richie.

According to Mr. Pentland the "dubious company" Richie came home with on Monday night were friends of a relative (cousin) of Richie's who was in the company.

My Input

As I have already stated in the report I understood that Richie was not one of my cases and that my role was purely technical in the sense that I would make arrangement for any cash payments that were considered necessary. I was never informed that Richie's accommodation was my responsibility. Indeed we recently received information from C.S.A. stating that Richie's supervision was Probation's responsibility.

I feel from a social work point of view Richie needs to sort out with one person what he is going to do and it is for one person to advise Richie as to the best course of action. This has not happened because neither Social Services or Probation have taken full responsibility for Richie. Indeed the fact that the job in the Stormont Hotel cuts across the plans regarding Corrymeela reflects this muddled approach. Contact we have had with probation continue to work on the premise that we are responsible for accommodation and we have continued to state that Richie is Probation's responsibility

Revoking the License

Last night (13.3.79) Mr. Pentland reported to me that his senior had said that Richie has not in breach of his license. They do not agree that he is mixing with dubious company and do not think the extent to which he has been drinking constitutes a breach of his license. Mr. Pentland restated that he as licensee has done all that is his responsibility i.e. find employment for Richie and see that he leads a sober life and does not consort with bad company.

*Judy Kennedy*

COPY - Mr. F. Cackett, Senior Probation Officer  
Director of Social Services

WRS/RB/AL

14th March 1979

Mr. P. Patrick,  
Assistant Chief Probation Officer,  
Linenhall Street,  
Belfast.

Dear Mr. Patrick,

Re: Richie Kerr  
At Present: Williamson House Children's Home,  
Belfast

Further to our telephone conversation today I would draw your attention urgently to the above-named boy. Your department requested us to accommodate Richie on his release on licence from Millisle Borstal from the 9th February 1979. This arrangement to terminate on his admission to a placement at Corrymeela on 1st March 1979. However, it is now some six months since the initial placement. During this time Richie's behaviour and the situation in the children's home has gradually deteriorated beyond the control of the staff of the children's home. We have encountered such difficulty in four areas with him:-

1. Drunkenness - He has on a number of occasions arrived at the children's home in a drunken state. This has happened three times in the past four days. On the third occasion on Monday, 12th March 1979, he was brought home by a number of men from the Europa Hotel. All the men were drunk and they entered the children's home at 10.45 p.m. They caused such a fracas that the Officer-in-Charge feared for the staff and the children and called the police. The men left in a taxi. There is great fear amongst the staff that Richie will cause these men to call again especially as there are several nights each week when there are no male staff on duty.
2. Homosexual Activity - Residential and social work staff believe that Richie has been consorting with a number of men he knew previously in the Belfast area. In the past week or so he has come into a considerable amount of money. There are strong suspicions which suggest that the money was procured. It is wrong to allow Richie to remain in the Belfast area with his degree of instability.
3. Suicide - He has begun to talk seriously again about committing suicide. Given his former history of suicide attempts it would be vital that concern should be given to these threats. It is evident that he is unhappy and unsettled in his present environment.

/P.T.O. ....

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4. Contact with Sister - Richie's [REDACTED]

It must be drawn to your attention that Richie has been a most disruptive and disturbing influence in the children's home. He has caused considerable difficulties for the children. Staff are not accustomed to such behaviour. It is a home for children not a young man approaching manhood.

Given our willingness to help both your agency and the Borstal authorities with the difficult situation in early February we must inform you that Richie Kerr is beyond our control for the above reasons. As the supervising agency I would request you to take immediate steps to remove him to a more suitably supervised environment in order to afford adequate protection for his safety and the safety of the children in our care.

Yours sincerely,

District Social Services Officer



A Q So he spent nearly two months being put up at the taxpayer's expense in an hotel?

A Yes.

Q That was because Williamson House really could not cope with him, is that the situation? He was too disruptive?

B A Yes, on the day of the fifteenth I was actually planning to put him in bed and breakfast accommodation, but he found the idea of that intolerable, so I suppose I made a case, I did make a case then, for him staying in an hotel.

Q Prior to this report of 14 March, and prior to that week, because I think you refer to the Monday of that week, in the course of your report?

A Er --

C Q "According to Mr Pentland the dubious company" -- this is under the heading of Williamson House -- "R20 came home with on Monday night" etc., so it does refer to that week. During that period from 2 February until 14/15 March, were you aware that there was trouble at Williamson House with R20, or was this something that blew up during this week?

D A No, as I said, it really started from the first day he was there; in terms, a fair resistance to having him there. But as the weeks wore on, the residential staff were giving us these examples of behaviour they found unacceptable in him. I was caught, in a way, because I then reported it to his probation officer, and his probation officer's interpretation of it was that it was not as bad as the home were saying it was, and was actually saying it was not a breach of his licence, etc, so I think the main fact was the residential staff felt that he could not stay there.

E THE CHAIRMAN: The residential staff thought that he was an inappropriate placement?

A Yes.

Q And the probation thought that that was exaggerated?

A Yes.

F Q And there was a difficulty about putting him anywhere; that is the real truth, is it not?

A Yes, that is right.

MR SMITH: Why did you prepare your report of 14 March 1979?

G A Because in that particular week it was getting very difficult. I was out nearly every night that week working with R20 and I felt that I was being left on my own with it, and that it was not solely a social services responsibility, that probation should have been helping more, and I found the whole business about the accommodation totally frustrating, so the purpose of that report was to enlist the help of my senior management in settling the dispute, one way or another, with probation.

Q Had you not reported to anybody senior to you prior to 14 March? that you were having these difficulties?

H A Yes. Until David Morrow left -- obviously I had been talking to him about it, and I had also been in contact with my principal social worker as well.

Q Who was that?

A Mr Blair.

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A He went to Preston.

THE CHAIRMAN: He went to where?

A Preston, Lancashire.

G Q What was at Preston?

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H MR SMITH: We see that the date of birth of R20 was [REDACTED] so that would have coincided approximately with the date of his eighteenth birthday?

A Yes.

Q When you had really ceased to be responsible for him?

A Yes, that is correct.

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Q Did he then go off and waken R.20 and bring him down to you?  
A He did yes.

Q And did you then bring R.20 and R.37 to Strandtown Police Station?  
A Yes. I detained them and took them down to Strandtown C.I.D. Office.

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Q Dealing with R.20, did you question him in relation with the burglaries?  
A I did.

Q Did he ask at that stage for anybody to come and see him, or to get in touch with anybody on his behalf?

A He wasn't very long in the Station until he asked for Mr Mains to be rung and informed that he was there and that he wanted to see him.

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Q Did he ask on a number of occasions throughout that day to see Mr Mains?  
A Mr Mains was contacted and he said he'd be there at lunch time. He didn't turn up at lunchtime. There were two telephone calls made altogether. On the last occasion it was about half-past-one, two o'clock and I said that Mr Mains would be done later on and he said - "He'd better".

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Q When R.20 said to you that "he'd better", what did you understand from that?

A He was very vehement in the way he said it, a threatening attitude. He actually wanted to speak to Mr Mains on the phone and I wouldn't let him.

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Q Did you become suspicious at that stage by reason of this comment?  
A It was the first time I had met R.20 and his whole mannerisms led me to a suspicion, and I asked two other C.I.D. men to go in and have a look at him as well and see what they thought of him because he was effeminate and had the hallmarks of a homosexual.

Q Did Mr Mains then eventually arrive down at the Police Station?  
A Yes. He came down about half-past three/four o'clock in the afternoon.

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Q And did R.20 request to see him in private, that is in the absence of any Police Officer?

A As soon as he came in he asked to see him in private. I granted this. He spoke to him and then there were statements taken in relation to the series of crimes which I had detected.

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Q In the course of your discussions with R.20 and your investigations, eventually terminating with statements taken from him, did you ask R.20 if he had any complaints to make against anybody in Kincora, either staff or residents?

A That is correct.

Q And what reply, if any, did he make to that?

A He said he had no complaints whatsoever.

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Q And did you then eventually take R.20 and R.37 down to the Station? They were at the Station at this stage were they?

A They were at the Station, yes.

Q Were they detained overnight there, or elsewhere?

A I formally arrested and charged them at about 8.30 that night and conveyed them to Rathgael Training School.

Q And then on the following morning, 5 October 1977, did they both appear at the Juvenile Court in Belfast?

A Both appeared at the Juvenile Court in Belfast on the following day, 5 October 1977.

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go there for the Country and Western music. I went out with these older men because I had no friends and I knew them from their visits to Williamson House. There was no other reason - just as friends. They phoned me to Kincora and made the arrangements to go out. I had no prior arrangement with them. While I was in Kincora from July 1975 to November 1977 I looked on Joe Mains as a father. I was very fond of him. When I was doing break-ins he said to me that he knew I was doing them. He asked me to tell him the whole story about the break-ins and I told him part of it, that is about doing some break-ins. I mean by break-ins, breaking into houses and stealing. Later the police caught up with me for the break-ins. I used to sit up late at nights discussing my future with Joe Mains. A couple of times he gave me Baby Cham to drink. Once I brought him whiskey which I knew he liked. These discussions and drinks took place in Joe Mains flat in the hostel. I looked up to and respected Joe Mains and while I was in his flat he did not touch me or say anything to me which would have suggested anything of a homosexual nature. At the hostel Mr McGrath, the house master, was known as a homosexual. Boys in the hostel told me that he had tried it on them. Some of these boys are - **KIN 46** and a boy named **HIA 533** McGrath used to play around with me by pulling my jumper and wrestling with me. He would pull me close to him, his front to my back and press his belly up against me. It wasn't normal wrestling and I knew he was enjoying it in a homosexual way. The boys used to tell me that McGrath put his hands round their private parts. Mr Mains knew that all this was going on because the boys told him. I was not there when Joe Mains was told but the boys told me that he had been told. This all happened while I was in Kincora from July 1975 to 1977 (November). After these complaints were made to Joe Mains the woman cleaner wakened us in the morning. This had always been McGrath's job and it was while wakening the boys he would feel them under the bed clothes. When I made the threats about Joe Mains to the police and social workers that if he did not come to court I would tell all, I was referring to the drinks I had in

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else out of Williamson House except [REDACTED] When [REDACTED] left Williamson House I never went back to it. I'm sure about that. I never brought sweets up to any of the other boys in Williamson House. I did not know that I was known as [REDACTED] My [REDACTED] was fostered out of Williamson House to his present address which is [REDACTED] On two or three occasions when Richard was home he slept in my house. He slept on the settee. He never slept in the same bed as me. Nothing happened between us. I lived in [REDACTED] for about a year and then moved to the [REDACTED]. Richard was still in Williamson House at this stage. He came up to see me in [REDACTED] Again it was usually a Saturday. He never stayed overnight. He just came up to take the dog out. I never went to Williamson House to see him. Nothing happened between Richard and me when I lived in [REDACTED] I left [REDACTED] about three years ago and moved to my present address, [REDACTED] I think Kerr was still in Williamson House at this stage. Kerr got to know my mate, **KIN 341** through me going to see [REDACTED] at Williamson House. I have known [REDACTED] for about 7 - 8 years. Kerr used to get in touch with me and told me that he wanted to hire a car out. He would get [REDACTED] to hire the car in his own name and Kerr would pay for it. This happened about a dozen times. We used to go to several hotels such as the Park Avenue, Kilwaughter House, the Cavalier and the Stormont. On one occasion we went to Kilkeel. Kerr used to always buy the drink. He always had money and he bought the drink. I only went out with him because he had the money. He used to come to my house quite often. He stayed overnight sometimes and would clear off in the mornings. On one occasion he asked me to go to the Park Avenue Hotel. He hired a room. We went to the room at 1 pm and stayed there playing cards until 4.00 am the following morning. I slept on a chair that night and Kerr slept on the bed. We had beer and sandwiches brought to the room. I only left the room to go to the toilet. [REDACTED] and I called for Kerr one night at Kincora. He phoned us and asked us to pick him up. We went to the Stormont Hotel that night. A fellow called [REDACTED]

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was with us that night. [REDACTED] lives in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] went out with Kerr to the Kilwaughter House on their own a few times. There was no homosexual activity between Kerr and me. I didn't know any of the staff at Kincora Hostel. I was only in the hallway when I called for Kerr on that occasion. Several times I asked Kerr where he was getting all the money. He wouldn't tell me and I don't know.

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**KIN 340** was living at [REDACTED] I think Ritchie was in the Kincora Hostel at that time. He and **KIN 340** seemed to be very friendly and apparently Ritchie had spent a lot of time with him. Quite often Ritchie would be staying at **KIN 340** house and about 2 or 3 times a month **KIN 340** would come to my house and suggest I take him and Ritchie out in my car. I rarely ever had any money unless I had a win on the horses, but Ritchie always seemed to have money and try to show off with this money though he was not a big spender. When I took them out we would go to various hotels such as the Girton Lodge, Europa and the Stormont Hotel. I think these were places that Ritchie had worked in at various times. When we were out we generally drank, but neither **KIN 340** or Ritchie ever bothered with women. There were many occasions when we could have made it with women but they, **KIN 340** and Ritchie, didn't want to know. At that time **KIN 340** was separated from his wife and was living alone. One night about 2 years ago the three of us drove to Larne. We eventually went to the Highwayman Hotel. **KIN 340** and I were in the bar and had a lot of drink taken. Ritchie had gone off in my car. Quite often he would take the keys of my car as he was learning to drive. I got into an argument with the bar staff and eventually went out to the car park. My car wasn't there and I assumed that Ritchie was away in it. He arrived in the car park after about 10 minutes and told me that he had been leaving two girls to Larne. I was about to get into my car when a number of men jumped out of three other cars in the car park. They all jumped on me and gave me a beating. I eventually went to the Police Station and reported the assault. The police brought me to the car park at the hotel where we found Ritchie sitting in my car. The police brought Ritchie and I back to the Police Station. Whilst at the Police Station the police told me that Ritchie had stolen money from the hotel. They also said that this was probably the reason for me getting the beating. When I was getting the beating **KIN 340** must have run away. I eventually appeared in Court as a

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he was a queer. She said that he was living with a man in England. On about two occasions **KIN 340** came to my house and gave me money which he said he got from Ritchie. This money was for me to pay for the hire of a car. I would hire the car and drive the two of them around hotels. I remember **KIN 340** telling me that he and Ritchie had spent a night in a bedroom of the Girton Lodge Hotel playing cards. Ritchie was working in the hotel at that time. During the time that I was friendly with Ritchie he never made any homosexual approaches to me or to **KIN 340** in my presence.

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**KIN 341**

Sergeants ELLIOTT and MIDDLEMASS (BMS 1-12) and later by Detective Superintendent CASKEY. The following day, on 11th December 1980, WITCHELL made a cautioned statement admitting indecent assault and gross indecency with [R 24] claiming that his handling of [R 25] penis had been done whilst giving the boy advice on personal hygiene and denying utterly the complaint made by

[R 24]

556. The Royal Ulster Constabulary investigators strongly suspected WITCHELL had a homosexual relationship with another Williamson House resident named [REDACTED] (BMS 66-67), but when interviewed [REDACTED] vehemently denied any acts of indecency with WITCHELL.

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[R 24]

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that **KIN 46** was found in a bed with another boy in Williamson House. Both of them were naked when found by one of the ladies. He was about 15 at the time. He was also found under a bed with [REDACTED] in Williamson House.

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SUBJECT: ERIC PETER WITCHELL

JOSEPH MAINS

Legal Registrar

Eric Peter Witchell

I agree with the recommendation that there should be no prosecution in respect of the allegations made by Kerr. Whilst it may be that Kerr is telling the truth his reliability as a witness is extremely suspect. He was twice interviewed in February 1980 and made no allegations against Witchell. Witchell denies any homosexual involvement with Kerr and there is no corroborative evidence. Given these circumstances I do not consider there to be a likelihood of a conviction.

Joseph Mains

I recommend no prosecution. The evidence of an indecent assault is extremely nebulous, the incident occurred 24 years ago, the complainant, [REDACTED] would probably be an unwilling witness and Mains is already serving 6 years for homosexual offences.

*D B Mellor*

D B MELLOR  
Chief Superintendent  
Deputy to ACC 'C'

18 October 1983

He returned to Kincora the same evening. Meantime however Mr. Haynes had been in touch with the police at Strentown R.U.C. Station and the following morning Richie was taken to the station for questioning.

David Morrow and I went to Strentown Station to see Richie. He was in a very emotional state, constantly crying and apologising and insisting that he had not been aware of what he was doing and that he would behave himself from now on. I tried to explain to him that it had now gone much further than that, and that it was pointless apologising to me at this stage - that the damage has been done.

Since all of the money had not been spent and since Richie had some money "of his own" already in the bank he was able to pay back all of the £80 to the member of staff from whom it was stolen.

Nevertheless it was decided to go ahead with the prosecution. A few days later Richie was taken to Rathgael again and held there pending a further court appearance. This was on November 7th. The next court appearance was scheduled for December 7th.

On that date, Richie appeared before the court. His father also was there and the subject was brought up of Richie going to stay with Mrs. Kerr's sister in Preston, Lancs. The Magistrate requested a social report into the home circumstances of [REDACTED] in Preston and adjourned the case again for a further two weeks.

Contact was made with the Social Services in Preston and we had to report that circumstances were very unfavourable. [REDACTED] had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She was very concerned for Richie but doubtful if she could help.

In addition the principal of Rathgael had submitted a report to the court on December 7th stating that Richie's "apparently suicidal" behaviour was attention seeking in nature. That the boy with whom he was originally remanded to Rathgael, Stephen Waring had been drowned after jumping overboard from the Liverpool - Belfast Ferry and that in view of the history of disturbed behaviour and the possible risk of suicide, the open environment of a training school would be unsuitable for Richie.

The principal felt that a period of Borstal Training might accelerate some form of adulthood and that this would appear to be what is required.

The magistrate decided that there was no other alternative than to commit Richie for a period of Borstal training and immediately this was stated Richie broke down and cried saying that he could not endure Borstal. However, since there was no alternative solution, Richie was taken off to Borstal where we went to see him a week later. We had been contacted by a Mr. Y. Pentland of the probation service who had started to work closely with Richie. Mr. Pentland informed us that Richies father had made an application to have the case appealed and that there was a possibility that this might be successful.

When we went to see Richie in Borstal he seemed fairly calm and subdued, although it was in retrospect a repressed kind of calm. We also went to see Mr. Murphy on that occasion and discussed the background to the case and the fact that Richie was said to have made a suicide pact with Stephen Waring who had succeeded in his attempt.

Mr. Murphy appeared very sympathetic towards the boy on that occasion and stated several times that he regretted the lack of proper facilities for the care of such offenders in Northern Ireland.

The appeal was to come up on 2nd February. Unfortunately on that date both the probation officer and I had appointments in Derry and could not be there. The Senior Social Worker from this office was in court as well as another probation officer who had been briefed on the case. The court had asked for a report from the Borstal Authorities.

This report was written by the Assistant Governor in charge of the open section of the Borstal.

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[REDACTED] He offered me a boarding room in his house if I got a job. I got a job in a hotel and moved into [REDACTED] house in September 1979. I pay him £15.00 a week rent. He bought me a watch for Christmas. There is nothing going on between him and I. Back in 1978 [REDACTED] who had been in Borstal told me that there was something in the Belfast Telegraph about homosexual play acting in Kincora. I did not see this in the Belfast Telegraph but I believed what he said because I knew it was going on. I met Stephen Waring in Kincora Hostel. He came there after me. I think he came to Kincora in 1977. He and I got involved with a [REDACTED] KIN 274 who was also in Kincora. [REDACTED] KIN 274 planned the break-ins that I have referred to and Stephen and I helped him to carry them out. Stephen and I felt we were under pressure from [REDACTED] KIN 274 and we decided if we were caught we would go to London, take a lot of drink and then take an over dose of tablets. We were intending to commit suicide. It was Stephen who suggested suicide. I did not go to London and I didn't go out drinking with him or take tablets. We were both in Rathgael Training School when he escaped and I heard a short time later that he was supposed to have jumped overboard on the Liverpool boat. Since Stephen's death I have slashed my wrists on seven occasions. Once in the Court, twice in Rathgael and four times in Borstal. Once I was serious, that was in Borstal in a cell. The remainder I was not serious about suicide but only wanted attention for I was crying out for help. I got hospital treatment on each occasion. I was questioned by Mr Morrow and Mrs Gogarty about three times my reason for going with [REDACTED] KIN 340 and [REDACTED] KIN 341 I just said what I have told you. They also asked me why I was so close to Mr Mains. I told them that I looked on him as a father.

RK

SIGNATURE of STATEMENT MAKER: (Sgd.) Richard Kerr

## STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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OCD-53-(50pg) BOX 3 - R v Witchell Mains IP Kerr [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF: RICHARD KERRAGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): OVER 21OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: TELEPHONISTADDRESS: [REDACTED]

I declare that this statement consisting of 2 pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 26th day of October 1982(Sgd) R A Flenley, C/Inspector*SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.*(Sgd) Richard Kerr*SIGNATURE OF WITNESS*

I am employed as a telephonist at Mount Pleasant Hotel, Kings Cross Road, London. I have been asked by D/Superintendent Harrison about the statements that I made in 1980 to the RUC. The first statement is dated 25 February 1980. It is all true up to the point where I talk about my friendship with Billy Edmonds the medical orderly at Woburn House, Millisle. He didn't do anything to me whilst I was at Millisle but after I left he committed buggery upon me after I had gone to his house. The next morning he made a gift to me of a radio. Twice after that he saw me and attempted to have sex with me but I refused. I didn't tell the RUC about Edmonds bugging me when they interviewed me in 1980 because I was embarrassed and I thought they were only interested in Kincora. The rest of my statement is true up to the point where I refer to lodging at [REDACTED] house in Preston. [REDACTED] and I maintained a homosexual relationship for 2 years. He didn't force me into the relationship. My second statement dated 26 February 1980 is true. Another man who had a homosexual relationship with me was Brother Eric Witchell. After I left Millisle I went and stayed at Williamson House where Witchell was in charge. I was at Williamson House for about 6 weeks. During that time Witchell buggered me about 3 times after giving me alcohol. He was the first man to bugger me. On one occasion when I was about 15 years old I was picked up by a man in the Springfield Road, Belfast. I returned to the man's house with him and during the course of

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conversation he put his hand on the inside of my leg. Nothing else happened. I do not know the man and would not know him. I continue to have casual homosexual relationships in London where I live and work. I consider myself to be bi-sexual.

(Sgd) Richard Kerr  
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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/northern-ireland-authorities-refuse-to-reveal-details-of-paedophile-with-links-to-former-government-adviser-on-national-security-grounds-10382746.html>

“For example, Captain Gemmell’s intelligence report to MI5 in 1975 about Kincora should now be in the possession of the HIA if the Government really wants to demonstrate its determination to get to the truth.”

Former intelligence officer Brian Gemmell has said that MI5 forced him to cut short his investigation into the home in 1975

Fraser had not previously been linked to Kincora, the home run by three men who were eventually convicted over the abuse there, but a former Kincora resident has now revealed that he was abused by Fraser during counselling at the doctor’s medical offices in Belfast’s Royal Hospital in the early 1970s.

Richard Kerr, who has alleged he was trafficked from Belfast to Westminster to be abused by politicians and others, said: “I was 13. Morris abused me, in his office, two or three times on those visits. I will never forget that face. That black hair. I have never forgotten it. He was in contact with children’s homes all over Belfast.

“He had very important people above him and that’s why we were all scared. He was a child abuser, simple as that. He had influence; he had a lot of influence. I mean, he was a doctor, he was a psychiatrist.

“Complaints were being made, being brushed under the carpet like they always were back then. And it made us all feel like, if we say anything we’re going to get into trouble.”

**Good Morning Ulster**  
**Thursday, 31 March 2016**

**Headline:** A new study has found that a psychiatrist in Belfast was able to continue working with children after he had been convicted for child abuse in the 1970s.

Dr Morris Fraser was the senior psychiatric registrar at the Royal Victoria Hospital and author of a book about how the Troubles affected children. The Dublin academic, Dr Neil Meehan who carried out the study says that information about Dr Fraser's offences was withheld from the public by the authorities.

**1. Interview with Dr Neil Meehan, author of report Dr Morris Fraser – Child Abuse, Corruption and Collusion (approx. 7.35am)**

**Karen Patterson:** Now a new study into child abuse has raised questions about how the authorities dealt with a paedophile doctor who practised in Belfast in the 1970s. Dr Morris Fraser was then the Senior Psychiatric Registrar at the Royal Victoria Hospital Child Guidance Clinic in Belfast. He was also the author of a book 'Children in Conflict' about how the Troubles affected children here. The Study 'Dr Morris Fraser – Child Abuse, Corruption and Collusion' is the work of Dublin academic Dr Neil Meehan and Dr Meehan joins us on the line. Good morning to you.

**Dr Neil Meehan:** Good Morning.

**KP:** Thank you for joining us this morning, Dr Meehan. A complex case this, clearly. Dr Fraser was a man of influence, certainly in the '70s. How did he abuse that position?

**Dr M:** Yes. He was certainly the go-to person in terms of discussion of vulnerable children during the course of the developing troubles in Northern Ireland during the 1970s. He was quoted widely in newspapers in Ireland and Britain and in the US. That all came to an end in May of 1973 when it was reported on the front page of the Belfast Telegraph and in the New York Times that Fraser was arrested in New York, alongside seven other men, and charged with abusing seven boys, sorry fifteen boys on 27 counts. At that point he was suspended from his position in the Royal Victoria Hospital. Afterwards the General Medical Council, the British General Medical Council, its disciplinary committee, looked at the Fraser case in July of 1973. But the amazing thing is, the GMC never once referred to Fraser's arrest in the US. They never referred to the fact that he pleaded guilty in February 1974 and they never referred to the fact that he was convicted and deported from the US in June of '74. Instead what the GMC looked at was the fact that Fraser had been convicted in May of 1972 in London of abusing a thirteen-year-old Belfast boy, in London, who he had taken to London from Belfast. Now, at that point it was clear that Fraser had been in post, in his job, for a year as a convicted child abuser. The authorities never told the hospital that Fraser, who dealt with children, everyday, and vulnerable children at that, and allocated them to institutions in Belfast, including Whiteabbey Lissue Children's Hospital and also Kincora, that he was in post as a convicted child abuser. The

authorities should have told the hospital when they detected Fraser's abuse in the autumn of 1971. The abuse took place in August of 1971.

**KP:** By 'the authorities' you mean clearly the Metropolitan Police and the RUC. Why do you think they were so lenient with Fraser?

**Dr M:** Well, I presume they didn't have a general policy about not telling the authorities about child abusers, so, eh, it has to be, it must be logically that they had come to some arrangement with Fraser with regard to his work. And of course we know from the Kincora scandal that the intelligence agencies had allowed the Kincora Boy's Home to be run by paedophiles like William McGrath and his associates. It must be surely assumed that in this case Fraser was allowed to continue his work, in return for providing some form of services to the authorities, whether in the form of utterances to the media which suited their policy interests or perhaps in terms of extracting information from his child clients. After all, his clinic was on the Falls Road in Belfast. So these are very serious concerns. The point is we know for a fact that a child abuser was allowed to remain in post. The authorities need to explain why that was the case. We can speculate upon it. I can speculate upon it. We can make logical deductions. But the point is the authorities must answer for this. And in terms of the on-going Inquiry in Britain, the Goddard Inquiry, and inquiries in Northern Ireland itself, it is surely time for the authorities to take very seriously this abuse and leaving people in post who were child abusers, investigating it and, in the case of Dr Fraser, his abuse took place in London. He took a Belfast Boy to London. Therefore the Goddard Inquiry, which is looking into child abuse in Britain must look at the interaction between abuse in Northern Ireland and abuse in Britain.

**KP:** These offences too, it must be remembered, happened more than 40 years ago now. And yet I understand a Freedom of Information request, regarding Fraser was turned down in 2015 for reasons of national security.

**Dr M:** Yes. That also was astonishing. That was in an article in the Independent by Nick Brown and James Hanning. The authorities turned down the FoI request so that means that there is something, that Fraser was involved in activities of a national security nature. So, that also leads to the suspicion that he was working for the authorities in some way. So again, this leads us to try to investigate why that was the case and the Goddard Inquiry is the vehicle for doing that. Now, people talk about these matters being in the past, but the victims of this abuse are alive. These are matters of the present. Former victims like Richard Kerr have talked about being abused by Fraser.

**KP:** Yes and we'll be speaking to Richard Kerr actually within the next 25 minutes or so. Just very briefly, if you can round me up the point that you were making there, finishing there for us?

**Dr M:** Yes, so the Goddard Inquiry needs to look at what has happened in relation to victims who are still alive. These victims require justice. Very seriously, what it indicates is that children were abused while the authorities knew that they were being abused. And it's also the case with William McGrath and the Kincora institution; it's also the case with regard to other institutions in Belfast at that time. Fraser had associates. McGrath had associates. The authorities know who

they were, they left him in post and vulnerable children were abused. That needs to be investigated and I hope the study that I have written has joined up some of the dots. There are other dots to be joined and that can only be done, either by the media but principally by the authorities themselves because the authorities are responsible and the authorities need to clean up this mess.

**KP:** Dr Meehan, good to talk to you. Thank you

## **2. Interview with Mr Richard Kerr, former Kincora Boy's Home resident (approx. 8.07am)**

**Karen Patterson:** The author of a report into a convicted paedophile says the authorities allowed Dr Morris Fraser to continue to work with vulnerable children in the 1970s. Dr Fraser was the Senior Psychiatric Registrar at the Royal Victoria Hospital and also had links to the notorious Kincora Boy's home in east Belfast. This is what Dublin academic Dr Neil Meehan told us earlier in the programme...

Dr Meehan says that explanation is owed to the victims of Dr Fraser. One of them is Richard Kerr. He now lives in Texas. And a warning: he's talking about his experience of abuse and you may find some of the interview distressing. With the Easter holidays please be careful with any younger listeners. I began the interview by asking Richard Kerr how he first encountered Morris Fraser.

**Richard Kerr:** I believe I was probably about eleven or twelve, and the first time I went there I went to a hospital and there was an office and we both were taken into the office and he started asking my sister a lot of questions and then he started to ask me questions. I was very, em, at that time, I didn't answer any, very, very little questions. I was given some little boxes - that was put in front of the table. And they were little dark brown boxes. And there was like a peanut under one of them, and he would mix them up and ask me which one, where the peanut is. And I kept putting my finger at one of the boxes. I think I got it right, some of the times. My sister would always laugh at that. I remember her laughing. Just laughing and laughing, while she was sitting in the other chair.

**KP:** So, he was trying to make you feel relaxed in his company.

**RK:** He was. I just remember him with his Elvis Presley look. Sorry to say that but the long locks, big locks, big black long locks coming down the side of his face.

**KP:** When did things turn awkward?

**RK:** The second visit. When I went on my own. When I went in to the office, he had me sit not on the chair that I was sitting in before, he had me sit on the chair where my sister was sitting, and that was away from the table. And then he would ask me questions. You see at that time, I was wetting the bed. I was being molested in Williamson House before that. And then he would ask me to stand up and ask me to take the, my, the shorts down. And then, for some reason, like within a minute, he had like some kind of a Polaroid camera. I don't know, it was a camera, he started taking shots.

**KP:** How did that affect you Richard?



- RK:** I was feeling stunned, surprised. I mean I was just feeling stunned. And, he said not to worry, he's a doctor. And, I felt embarrassed. I actually felt embarrassed.
- KP:** Richard, do you believe Morris Fraser abused other boys?
- RK:** Looking back at it, I know that was going on. Yes. Looking back.
- KP:** You've previously spoken about your time in Kincora, Richard. Do you believe that Dr Fraser was connected to the Boy's Home there?
- RK:** The way I believe, or, I can't use opinion, but I'll give you my experience, is that I was sent to Kincora two years later. Approximately two years later, after that experience, those experiences. At the age of fourteen, when I was not supposed to enter Kincora until sixteen. And I believe that he knew Mr Mains, yes I do believe that. That he knew Mr Mains, because they all came up to Williamson House and they all had a meeting and then after that, two months later my [REDACTED] [REDACTED] And when she was sent out there, that day, the next day I was taken out of Williamson House, by Joseph Mains in a car and taken up to Kincora at the age of fourteen. And Kincora was for working boys, not for boys that still go to secondary school.
- KP:** Just finally, Richard. How did your experiences in Kincora affect your life?
- RK:** Well, my experience in Kincora, my life was affected before Kincora. It just got worse. I became very isolated. The only people I knew was my abusers and the only thing I had to do was to try to please them because I had no one else to turn to. And they always act like the person, the person who was in charge always acts like the father figure, and they try to swarm you and tell you good things about you and say nice things about you. And, you've got to understand, at fourteen I looked like an eleven-year-old, and because I went to a special school, for needy children, I was treated, they used that in a way to treat me special, but what they wanted to do was to have sexual abusing me. And use me to go out to other locations and be with other men at different locations.
- KP:** What does it mean to you to have this Dublin academic Neil Meehan publish this report, albeit 40 years after the abuse happened?
- RK:** Well, its like, back then, no one would believe me then. I didn't think anybody would believe me. And children that go to special needs schools are harder to believe because doctors, like Dr Fraser, and he's not just the only doctor that abused me, there was another one later on but he was convicted. They use your past, use your troubled past, to escape anything that the victims say, they try to justify it by using your past as an excuse. That's how a lot of them did it.
- KP:** Richard Kerr there speaking to me just before we came on air.

JMcC/PG

5th March, 1975

Dear Dr. Bancroft,  
Child Guidance Department,  
Royal Victoria Hospital,  
Grosvenor Road,  
Belfast.

Dear Dr. Bancroft,

Re: Richard Kerr b. [REDACTED]

Care Address: Williamson House  
448 Antrim Road, Belfast

Further to Mrs. McCrea's conversation with you about the above named child, I wish to refer him to you for assessment. I enclose a report on the family for your information and would be grateful for an opportunity to discuss this difficult family situation with you.

As [REDACTED] is a Special Care patient and may need help to understand the need for this referral, please contact Miss Reid, matron in Williamson House about an appointment for Richard.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Principal Social Work  
Mr. C. McKay.

CHILDREN - IN RESIDENTIAL CARE3 - MONTHLY REVIEW

Name of child: Richard Kerr Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
 Home Address: [REDACTED] Care Address: Williamson House  
 Division: South School attended/Employment: \* Mount Vernon  
 Date of Admission to Care: 14.12.66 Section under which admitted: 103  
 Reason for admission (be specific): At the time of admission [REDACTED] was in  
Purdysburn Hospital. A Parental Rights order was obtained at Belfast Juvenile  
Court on 13.6.67.

How accommodated during period in care:

Place	Period
Williamson House	14.12.61 - present

Report

Dates of visits to child: 16.1.75 4.2.75 18.2.75 9.3.75  
 Dates of Interviews with Parents: Almost daily until mid-March.  
Staff are still concerned at Ritchie's behaviour, even though the staff/child  
ratio has improved recently. Ritchie remains difficult to control. He now expects  
regular visits home and staff find it difficult to impose limitation as they know  
he will run away if consent is not given. [REDACTED] rarely complains about  
Ritchie's behaviour when he is allowed home, but it is felt he manipulates [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and constantly requests money from her.  
Ritchie is being seen by Dr. Barcroft, Child Psychiatrist R.V.H. with a view to  
modifying his behaviour in the home.

Social Worker: C. A. Morris A.P.S.W.: C. McKay  
 Principal Social Worker: [REDACTED] Date: April 1975

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable

DATE

6.5.75

Case Conference re Richie Kelle in Williamson House involving Child Psychiatry (Dr. Bancroft & Mary Hutchinson S.W.) Senior S.W. & S.W. from Lower Crescent and the Home Staff. I sat in through this as the case was being handed over to me. It would seem that Miss Reid & Mrs Kavanagh find Richie uncontrollable and a bad influence on the other members of the household. Dr. Bancroft did not seem to view the situation too seriously (personal opinion - he didn't actually say this) and it seemed to me that the Staff would like to see the end of Richie as they cannot cope with problems.

Miss Reid pointed out that Richie was very anxious to return home for week-ends but it was decided that at present [redacted] could not cope nor were home conditions good enough to allow this. Later Mrs Morris and myself explained this to Richie who accepted it very readily.

7.6.75.

Visited Williamson House to sign holiday pass - Richie has been picked to go to Campsea Centre Ballycastle for a week in August. Miss Reid wanted to know what progress I'd made re having Richie transferred to Bannmore permanently. - this was the 1<sup>st</sup> I had heard this plan of action hinted at. I promised however to look into the matter. Richie is continuing to present problems to the home staff and has been found playing with young girls in strange ways. Miss Reid is watching carefully to ensure that he does not annoy them.

Richie is a friendly affable boy who asks many questions but is not always interested in the answers. Indeed he would seem on occasions to "switch off" whilst one is talking to him. He is very anxious to go home for week-end and for me to arrange this.

## Education Authority Solicitors



YOUR REF:

22 SEP 2016

OUR REF: CS1204GENEA

21 September 2016

**FAO: Mr Patrick Butler Solicitor to the Inquiry**

HIA Inquiry  
PO BOX 2080  
BELFAST  
BT1 9QA  
Northern Ireland

Dear Mr Butler

**RE: THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE AND THE  
EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MODULE 15 KINCORA - HIA 531 RK DOB 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1961**

I refer to the above matter and your letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 addressed to my colleague Ms Caroline Stewart, Senior Legal Adviser, who is currently out of the country. I have in MS Stewart's absence directed your query to the Child Protection Officer in the Education Authority who is responsible for the Belfast area.

I have now been contacted by this officer who has made a search for any files held by the Authority in respect of Mr Richard Kerr. I am advised that the Education Authority holds no education records or information or files on Mr Kerr and that such information would have been destroyed in the mid 1990's in line with the applicable records management policy.

I can also confirm that the officer has spoken directly with the principal of Harberton School and has been informed that all pupil files from the time Mr Kerr attended this school have been destroyed.

I understand that Mount Vernon House School records transferred on its closure in 1984 to what is now Park School. I am instructed that all pupil files from the time Mr Kerr attended Mount Vernon House School have also been destroyed.

I am also advised that due to the fact there was no specific requirement or guidance to do so at the relevant time, no record of the precise date of destruction of this information has been retained.

I regret I cannot be of more assistance to the Inquiry on this occasion.



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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION W. C. H. EAKIN, M. SC.

Psychology Department,  
18A GLANDORE AVENUE, BELFAST 15

Our Ref.

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Your Ref.

Date 7th August, 1967.

Miss Brown,  
Children's Officer,  
Belfast Welfare Authority,  
College Street, Belfast I.

Dear Miss Brown,

Re Richard Kerr [REDACTED]  
Williamson House.  
448 Antrim Road.

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This child has recently been in attendance at Greenwood House Diagnostic Centre. The school feels that he is ready for a trial at Special school and we therefore propose to transfer him in September to Harberton School.

I trust this meets with your agreement.

Yours sincerely,

*S. Perry*  
(Miss S. Perry),  
Senior Assistant Educational Psychologist

SP/IQ



Social Report

Subject: Richard Kerr (D.O.B. [redacted]) Millisle Borstal

Date for discharge: 9.2.1979

Richard has been in care since 1966. He is the second eldest son of [redacted] and [redacted] who currently live in [redacted]

Siblings:

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] He was in Williamson House for many years and attended Harberton Special School. The last educational assessment of Ritchie was made in May 1977 and concluded that he was capable of holding down a job.

In July 1975 Richie was moved from Williamson House and went to live in Kincora Hostel. He settled in well and obtained a job as a porter in the Europa Hotel. According to the warden in charge of Kincora, Richie was subdued and quiet during his first year there. He stayed in every evening playing cards and watching T.V. It was only when two other boys joined the group that trouble started. It seems also that at this time Richie came under the influence of two older men who took him out quite a lot. One of these men had Richie as an occasional visitor to his home.

October 7th, 1977 Richie was charged with 17 instances of breaking and entering. He was remanded in Rathgael. Richie appeared in court later that month and the case was adjourned. Richie went back to Kincora. Shortly after this Kincora reported that Richie had stolen money from a member of staff. Richie returned to Kincora that night but as the matter had been reported to the R.U.C. he was taken into custody. Richie sent to Rathgael to await court case. The case was heard the first week in December. By this time Richie had made at least one attempt to harm himself and in view of this "apparently suicidal behaviour" Rathgael recommended Borstal Training for Richie. Richie was sent to Millisle and his father immediately appealed against the sentence. The appeal did not succeed and Richie made another serious attempt on his life. He was held in Musgrave Park Hospital until the end of March. His stay was protracted because he contacted Chicken pox.





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18 JUL 1977

To ..... The Matron .....  
of ..... Kincora Hostel Newtownards Road Belfast  
the ~~Parent~~/Guardian of ..... Richard Kerr (12.5.61) .....

Dear ~~Sir~~/Madam,

I have to inform you that after considering the advice of the Chief Administrative Medical Officer, the Senior Schools Psychologist, and other relevant information regarding the above-named child, the Education Board has decided that in his/~~her~~ interests further care, treatment or supervision should be provided, and intends to notify the Health and Social Services Board accordingly.

This notice is issued in pursuance of Schedule 8 Para. 4 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Officer.

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**Schedule 8 Para 4.**

4. Where a child or young person in the area of a board is about to leave or has left school and it appears to the board that his physical, intellectual, emotional or social development is such as to require that in his interests further care, treatment or supervision should be provided, the board shall notify the appropriate health and social services board and furnish such report or information relating to him as that board may require.

## RESIDENTS

ADDRESS OF NEAREST RELATIVE OR FRIEND	DATE OF RECEPTION	DATE OF DEPARTURE	ADDRESS ON DEPARTURE	REMARKS
[Redacted]	27-6-75	4/10/77	Remanded in Custody to Rathfriland Training School.	Admission Auth. by Mr. Fleming Asst. Principal. Social Worker Gaille R.C. also Mr E. Scudler. J. Hume, Miss N. Brown. Social Worker Social Worker Miss P. Carney.
[Redacted]	25-7-75	29/4/77	[Redacted]	
[Redacted]	12-1-78	3-8-78	[Redacted]	
[Redacted]	98-7-75	12.6.76	[Redacted]	on Licence to Rathfriland Admission by Mr. L. Connolly Rathfriland. Mr. Richardson S.S.W. notified.
[Redacted]	3-9-75	26-4-77	[Redacted]	
[Redacted]	4-9-75	16-8-77	[Redacted]	

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go there for the Country and Western music. I went out with these older men because I had no friends and I knew them from their visits to Williamson House. There was no other reason - just as friends. They phoned me to Kincora and made the arrangements to go out. I had no prior arrangement with them. While I was in Kincora from July 1975 to November 1977 I looked on Joe Mains as a father. I was very fond of him. When I was doing break-ins he said to me that he knew I was doing them. He asked me to tell him the whole story about the break-ins and I told him part of it, that is about doing some break-ins. I mean by break-ins, breaking into houses and stealing. Later the police caught up with me for the break-ins. I used to sit up late at nights discussing my future with Joe Mains. A couple of times he gave me Baby Cham to drink. Once I brought him whiskey which I knew he liked. These discussions and drinks took place in Joe Mains flat in the hostel. I looked up to and respected Joe Mains and while I was in his flat he did not touch me or say anything to me which would have suggested anything of a homosexual nature. At the hostel Mr McGrath, the house master, was known as a homosexual. Boys in the hostel told me that he had tried it on them. Some of these boys are - **KIN 46** and a boy named **HIA 533** McGrath used to play around with me by pulling my jumper and wrestling with me. He would pull me close to him, his front to my back and press his belly up against me. It wasn't normal wrestling and I knew he was enjoying it in a homosexual way. The boys used to tell me that McGrath put his hands round their private parts. Mr Mains knew that all this was going on because the boys told him. I was not there when Joe Mains was told but the boys told me that he had been told. This all happened while I was in Kincora from July 1975 to 1977 (November). After these complaints were made to Joe Mains the woman cleaner wakened us in the morning. This had always been McGrath's job and it was while wakening the boys he would feel them under the bed clothes. When I made the threats about Joe Mains to the police and social workers that if he did not come to court I would tell all, I was referring to the drinks I had in

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4. I was sexually abused soon after I arrived in Kincora. My first memory of where the abuse took place in Kincora was in Josephs Maine's bedroom. He was a former RUC man, he told me he was a B Special. He invited me to his office one night and then he asked me to go to his bedroom, he offered me some whisky and then he would have whisky too. He told me he liked me and he wanted to take care of me. Sometimes he would offer me Sherry and I remember thinking it was very sweet. He asked me to lie down on the bed. He asked me to take my clothes off. He started putting cream on my back. I wasn't sure what that cream was and I was beginning to feel frightened. Then he offered me more whisky. Then he asked me to put cream on his back. Then he started to fumble around with my private parts and then he asked me to fumble around with his private parts since I had cream in my hands. Then he asked not to mention this to anyone. He said he wanted to be nice to me, good to me. And when we were finished he asked me to wash up and told me to go to my room.
5. After that Joe Mains had more encounters with me like this, one or two times a week. He would talk to me and tell me things. He told me about a boy that had died in 1973 who he had been close to.
6. William McGrath began to fool with me (sexually abuse me), in the bathtub. I eventually told him to back off and I told Joe Mains about it and he stopped after that.
7. After a while I began to be taken to meet other people in hotels in Larne and other places I cannot recall. I remember going to a Hotel on the Upper Newtownards Road, I don't remember the name but it was not far from Kincora. When I worked in the Europa Hotel sometimes men would come and take me to their rooms and abuse me.
8. There was a time I went to Park Avenue Hotel with Mr Mains, Mr Semple, my friend Stephen and then I met other men, and I went to a room with someone and we had a sexual encounter. I cannot remember his name or the names of the others. I remember we arrived to the hotel by the driveway and went in by the back and up in the lifts which were at the back of the hotel.

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his flat, that he knew about my break-ins and also about Mr McGrath's behaviour. I thought by making these threats he would come and help me because he would be scared. I never intended to tell but just to put pressure on Joe Mains to help me. The Belfast Juvenile Court after I was a few weeks on remand in Rathgael Training School sentenced me to Borstal Training. In Woburn House I became very friendly with Billy Edmonds the Medical Orderly. He knew that I had no one to turn to and that I got no visits and no presents. He treated me different from the other boys by giving me things and letting me do things that he would not let the other boys do. After I was released from Borstal in February 1979 Mr Edmonds visited me twice at the Park Avenue Hotel where I was staying and had drinks with me. He called with me once at the Bishops Court Hotel, Upper Newtownards Road. These visits happened between February 1979 and May 1979. I went to Preston in May 1979. While I was in Borstal I was visited twice by Joe Mains. I wrote two letters to him asking him to come and see me which he did. I told [REDACTED] in the Borstal Reception that Joe Mains had come once dressed as a church minister. This is not true because it was [REDACTED] who is in charge of [REDACTED] who came dressed in this way. We were not allowed visits in Borstal during the day time and [REDACTED] thought if he came dressed as a minister he would get in. He got in and he told me that why he came was to see how I was getting on. I did not ask him to visit me. I was in about four months at this time. I moved to Preston in May 1979 and [REDACTED] my [REDACTED] gave me money for the fare. Before I left Northern Ireland and during the time I was in homes and other institutions I did not make any complaints about indecent behaviour by anyone to any members of the welfare. There were no complaints to make. I only made the threats I have referred to to Detective Scully, Mrs Gogarty and Mr Morrow my Social Workers. In May 1979 I moved into my [REDACTED] house [REDACTED] I met a man [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I was having difficult times with my [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT OF: Richard KERR.Over 21

AGE OF WITNESS (if over 21 enter "over 21"): \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION OF WITNESS: Telephonist

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

I declare that this statement consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ pages, each signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence at a preliminary enquiry or at the trial of any person, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated this 26th day of October 19 82R.A. Flenley C/Insp.Richard Kerr.SIGNATURE OF MEMBER by whom  
statement was recorded or received.

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

*I am employed as a telephonist at Mount Pleasant Hotel, Kings Cross Road, London. I have been asked by Detective Superintendent HARRISON about the statements that I made in 1980 to the R.U.C.*

*The first statement is dated 25th February 1980. It is all true up to the point where I talk about my friendship with Billy EDMONDS the medical orderly at Woburn House, Millisle. He didn't do anything to me whilst I was at Millisle but after I left he committed buggery upon me after I had gone to his house. The next morning he made a gift to me of a radio. Twice after that he saw me and attempted to have sex with me but I refused. I didn't tell the R.U.C. about EDMONDS bugging me when they interviewed me in 1980 because I was embarrassed and I thought they were only interested in Kincora. The rest of my statement is true up to the point where I refer to lodging at [REDACTED] and I maintained a homosexual relationship for two years. He didn't force me into the relationship. My second statement dated 26th February 1980 is true. Another man who had a homosexual relationship with me was Brother Eric WITCHELL. After I left Millisle I went and stayed at Williamson House where WITCHELL was in charge. I was at Williamson House for about six weeks. During that time*

*Richard Kerr.*

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Your reference

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Date 20 March 1979

Dear Mr Sharpe

RE: RICHIE KERR

Thank you for your letter of the 14 March. Fred Cackett tells me that Richie has now been moved from Williamson House, which resolves the immediate problem. No doubt however, this young man will continue to be a headache for the Community and for agencies charged with his care and control. I would like to think we could maintain him in the Community for a few more months even if a return to Borstal in the end proves inevitable.

Yours sincerely

P R PATRICK  
ASSISTANT CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

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14. I don't know why they did all this, and I am not sure why Joe Mains would take us to these places. I don't know whether they paid him.
15. I remember on one occasion I came home from school early because it was snowing and I remember I walked into Joe Mains office and there were three men there in suits sitting with Mr Semple and Mr Mains. They stopped talking as soon as I came in and I got the strong feeling I had interrupted something secret and important. I would describe them as being shocked to see me.
16. People from the UVF would also come to Kincora, I remember a man called [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Antrim and also [REDACTED] being there. I also remember being sexually abused by people I knew were members of the UVF.
17. As it went on the abuse would get worse. Soon I began to "act out" and get into trouble. I think Social Workers knew but were scared to say anything, I think they didn't want to step out of line, I almost feel they were scared when they came to see me.
18. I remember being taken to the Harbour Inn Hotel in Larne which I believe was ran by a woman. I was with two men who had picked me up at Kincora that day and drove me to the hotel. I was given a lot of alcohol and I was drunk and they had sex with me. On this one occasion I was arrested by the Larne Police, who said I had stolen money from a hotel room. Somebody had reported me to the Larne Police. I didn't tell them that I had had sex with these two men but I am certain that the police knew. I was taken back to the police station from someplace in the Larne Harbour. I told them I was from Kincora and they called Joseph Mains. I arrived back in Kincora at 2:30 or 3 am in the morning. Mr. Mains just told me to go to my room.
19. In Kincora I was given something I think was called Black Magic Chocolates, alcohol, watches, a little transistor, and sometimes small amounts of money, I used to get large pennies. As I recall most of the perpetrators told me to keep quiet or they would put me away where I couldn't speak.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY WELFARE OFFICER  
FOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Agenda No. TV(d)

Date: 22nd May, 1973.

Originator: O. Neary, S.W. South

Subject Matter: Children - Others

Recommendations: To request authority for Richard Kerr 

Williamson House, 448 Antrim Road, to attend a Boys Brigade

Camp at Bridlington from 19th - 26th July. and to recommend that the cost of the camp

of £10.50.

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Submitted to Welfare Committee: 5.6.73

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Action: \_\_\_\_\_

1 to Chris Moore. Isn't that right?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. And you knew that at the time you spoke to him you  
4 didn't want him to disclose your identity, but you are  
5 now happy for people to know that --

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. -- you are "Sammy"?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. And I will just look at a few things. You say that --  
10 you said that:

11 "In the toilet on the landing McGrath had raped  
12 a young boy -- we will call him 'Sammy' to protect his  
13 true identity -- on his final day in the hostel as  
14 foster parents waited downstairs to take him to a new  
15 home in the same toilet McGrath had raped the boy on his  
16 first few days at Kincora."

17 Sorry. He raped you in the toilet on the final day  
18 where the foster parents were waiting downstairs. You  
19 told us it was actually the day before you left Kincora  
20 that the final rape took place. Isn't that right?

21 **A. Yes.**

22 Q. Then it goes on to give details about you, which are  
23 correct, and just in the second page of the book there  
24 it says:

25 "Sammy's statement that he had repeatedly been raped

1 by McGrath was eventually used to confront the beast and  
2 it was the basis of charges to which McGrath eventually  
3 pleaded guilty, thereby removing any possibility that  
4 his evidence would be heard in open court."

5 In other words, you didn't have to give evidence  
6 about him. It goes on to say that -- this is the part  
7 here where -- you told -- Chris Moore has recorded that  
8 you said to him that you did once tell one of the many  
9 social workers you had to deal with:

10 "... but that she just laughed, as McGrath had told  
11 him they would if he dared to speak out. In spite of  
12 her reservations, the social worker did raise Sammy's  
13 complaint with Mains and McGrath. Sammy was called in  
14 after they had time to discuss his allegations to hear  
15 McGrath describe him as a liar in front of Mains and the  
16 social worker and to see Mains turn his back on him."

17 So I was discussing this with you last week,  
18 HIA409/R14, and when we got to this point, you said  
19 "Well, I thought Sammy was me, but this can't have been  
20 me" and you can't remember telling Chris Moore that.  
21 Isn't that right?

22 **A. Yes, that's right.**

23 Q. And if you did tell him it, it wasn't true --

24 **A. Yes.**

25 Q. -- because you definitely didn't tell any social worker?

1     **A.   No.**

2     Q.   And there was never an incident where a social worker  
3           confronted McGrath --

4     **A.   Yes.**

5     Q.   -- in Mains' -- told Mains and McGrath about you.   Isn't  
6           that right?

7     **A.   Yes, that's right.**

8     Q.   If we can scroll to the next page about other things  
9           that you did tell him that you do say, it says:

10           "Even with Sammy McGrath boasted about his contacts,  
11           how high up in the Orange Order and in Loyalist  
12           paramilitary groups like the UDA as well as politicians  
13           such as Paisley.  Sammy remembers McGrath's boast that  
14           during the 1974 Loyalist strike he was involved in talks  
15           with representatives in the Northern Ireland Office.  
16           McGrath did mention Tara to Sammy, asking one day if he  
17           had ever heard of the group, then explaining the name of  
18           the organisation is something to do with the Free State.  
19           At this point, according to Sammy, McGrath burst out  
20           laughing and said there was more to the word 'Tara' than  
21           he could ever begin to understand.  He said it was part  
22           of the Orange Order but a part of the Order made up of  
23           Protestants who thought differently from the rest of the  
24           Orange Order, people who believed that Catholics should  
25           have no say in society."

1           **what was going on. Then you just didn't.**

2       Q. But when this incident happened, you had no idea what  
3       was happening to these boys --

4       **A. No.**

5       Q. -- or why they might have been crying or ...?

6       **A. No.**

7       Q. And you didn't think to ask them, you know, "What went  
8       on in there? What upset you so much?" or anything like  
9       that?

10      **A. No.**

11      Q. You also made the point when we were talking last week  
12      whenever you were talking to the police in 1980,  
13      HIA409/R14, you never mentioned this incident about  
14      being taken to a hotel by Joe Mains, and can you say why  
15      you didn't tell the police that?

16      **A. No.**

17      Q. You go on to say that when it was your turn to go into  
18      the hotel:

19           "... a police Land Rover stopped at the opposite  
20      side of the road and we were taken back to Kincora."

21           Now that was the same occasion; it wasn't  
22      a different occasion?

23      **A. No, the same.**

24      Q. It was just one incident where you were taken out in  
25      this minibus?

1     **A.   Yes.**

2     Q.   And how did you know it was your turn to go into the  
3         hotel?

4     **A.   He told me to get ready to go in.**

5     Q.   Okay, and this police patrol stopped.   So you never  
6         actually went into any hotel --

7     **A.   No.**

8     Q.   -- and you have no idea why you were going in --

9     **A.   No.**

10    Q.   -- or what was being said to you?   Joe Mains never said  
11         anything to you about why you should be going in there?

12    **A.   No.**

13    Q.   And did you know what was going on?

14    **A.   No.**

15    Q.   When we talked last week, you said that you now believe  
16         that the boys were abused in that hotel.

17    **A.   Yes.**

18    Q.   But you said you can't remember who told you that.

19    **A.   No.**

20    Q.   Or can you remember when you were told that, or when you  
21         heard that, or when that became something that you  
22         believed, HIA409/R14?

23    **A.   It was afterwards, a long time afterwards, you heard the  
24         stories then, like.**

25    Q.   Years later?