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Form MG11(T)

Acton to Ealing and then walk to Haven Green and get either the **Irrelevant** to near to St Benedict's and then walk 5 minutes to the school.

I can only recall one specific incident of abuse suffered at the hands of Father Laurence SOPER.

I had been in class one day, I cannot remember anything specific about that day, the teacher I think may have been **Name Redacted** so it may have been classical civilisation class, however I cannot be sure. The teacher had left the classroom, the prefect left in charge was a boy called **Child** I had been disruptive in class, I can't remember what I did exactly, as such when the teacher returned to the room, **Child** reported on me. I expected to receive detention as a consequence however this did not happen and I thought nothing more of it.

I had previously attended **Irrelevant** alongside **Child**, I thought we were friends so I was surprised when he reported me to the teacher.

I believe it was the evening following the incident in class with **Child** that I was playing **Irrelevant** **Irrelevant** **Irrelevant**

1700 and 2000hrs. **Irrelevant** took place in a large long hall / shed in a pavilion type area which was at Eaton Rise but not actually the part of the school more an annexe, **Irrelevant**

Other pupils from that time I can remember playing **Irrelevant** with are: **Child**, **Child**, **Child**, **Child** and **Child**. I do remember that Father Laurence would be one of the teachers who would open up the **Irrelevant** in the mornings.

Father Laurence SOPER came into the **Irrelevant** that evening at around 630pm he told him me he needed a word with me upstairs for being subordinate I took it he was referring to the incident in class with **Child** I am unable to recall who the teacher was supervising **Irrelevant** that evening or any of the other pupils which were present.

I then followed SOPER upstairs and into the office in Gervais Block. Gervais Block was like an old house, we went up the stairs to the top floor, I believe there were three floors; 1st and 2nd floors had

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classrooms and the 3d floor there was office I cannot remember if this was SOPER's own office or a shared office, I cannot remember specific details but it was an old feeling office with a desk.

I remember being scared as I entered the office, I had heard of other boys being caned or flogged with a slipper by SOPER and other staff at the school. SOPER took out the slipper from his desk, which was like an old black plimsoll and then told me to bend over and take my trousers down.

I bent over and took my trousers and underwear down and waited to be punished. I did not receive any punishment however SOPER instructed me to turn around and stand up straight, which I did. SOPER just stood and stared at me with my genitals exposed for a couple of minutes. He did not say anything he just stared, I was waiting for him do something but he did nothing but stare at my penis. He then told me to pull my trousers up and get out of the office and to say nothing. There was no punishment administered and he did not touch me in any way.

I knew that it was not right what he had done, I felt a sense of relief when he told me to pull my trousers up and go. I went home crying that night and told my father [Father], my dad did not believe that anything wrong had been done but thought it was odd that he had not hit me. I told him specifically about the incident with SOPER, I had told him on a separate occasion about the incidents with MAESTRI and [RC-F46]. I used to tell my dad everything, I would have expected him to have spoken with my mother.

I also disclosed matters to my mother [Mother] a few years later I cannot remember specifically when, but this was a general disclosure about the school and included SOPER / MAESTRI / [RC-F46] my mother seemed to be aware, I presume from my father.

I do not remember exactly but I think that the matter with SOPER would have happened after the incidents with MAESTRI and [RC-F46] detailed in my earlier statement, I think I would have been aged between 10-13 years old and I think I was in [Irrelevant]

I do remember being punished at the school with a slipper on other occasions, but cannot specifically remember being given the slipper by SOPER or any other incident involving SOPER. I had not

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