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Internal Discussions N.S.W. Child Welfare Department.  
6th August, 1951.

Mr. R.H. Hicks (Director) and Mr. E.W. Challoner of the N.S.W. Child Welfare Department had requested confidential discussions on a number of questions which in an endeavour to get cohesion I have set out as follows: -

- A (i) Inspection of establishments.
- (ii) Extent to which Department would be concerned with internal administration.
- (iii) Inspection of children when placed in employment.
- B Standard of children.
- C Exemption of lads introduced by Jewish organisations from Guardianship Act.
- D General.

Mr. Ordish did his utmost to keep Mr. Hicks and Mr. Challoner from wandering off the subject but it was very difficult. Mr. Hicks and Mr. Challoner did not seem to have anything definite in mind.

Mr. Ordish opened the discussions by suggesting "you shoot the questions and your views and we'll try to answer them or suggest action..."

A Inspection, internal administration, etc.

Big Brother Movement

Mr. Hicks commented initially on the fact that at a Conference some time ago in Sydney at which Mr. Wheeler was present it was decided to "soft pedal" the Big Brother Movement and it was agreed that only <sup>one</sup> inspection would be made by the Child Welfare Department only if circumstances were found unsatisfactory would further inspections take place.

According to Mr. Hicks the Big Brother Movement has advised on occasions that a lad has left his employment and address is unknown. The Child Welfare Department had suggested in these cases that the parents should be contacted with a view to securing address of their son, but apparently the Big Brother Movement is lax in this matter. The Child Welfare Department has, therefore, itself attempted to locate the youths by communicating with the parents. During enquiries on these matters the Child Welfare Department has consistently found that the addresses of employers supplied by the Movement were out of date.

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