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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
Re: JOHN CARROLL

It is true that the above-named was arraigned before the Court many years ago. A boy had been brought into St. Edmund's who did not wish to be there or to be other than with his mother. The night of his arrival there were the more or less usual boyish pranks in the dormitory. The boy in question thought they were directed against him. They were not. However, he had a long tale of woe for his mother. She went to the police who had to take notice. John was the oldest boy there at the time and he had to take responsibility for something quite harmless, which should have been dealt with on the spot. John had to go before the Magistrate and he was put on probation for two years, one of which was later dispensed.

The organisation of St. Edmund's did not take the matter seriously; so much so that John was later retained in the home in a voluntary capacity.

John later took a Child Care course at Salford and was then employed at St. Edmund's. When the staff left the Crewe office John was placed in charge, where he remained until he decided to widen his field of experience, and he went south.

All this happened many years ago and is quite forgotten. St. Edmund's Child Care Centre is now demolished. I am no longer in the work. John has progressed along his chosen field - Child Care. I hope this has made the position very clear.

John has proved himself a most reliable, loyal and trustworthy Child Care Official. I know him to be a man of integrity, honesty and reliability, and I feel confident that he will prove himself most competent and progressive in the world of Family and Child Care.

Signed

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