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Dear Mr. Vaughan,

Further to my letter of July 15th and to your Secretary's kind acknowledgement of it, I am just writing to say that, although I was successful in obtaining an Adjournment Debate on Wednesday of this week, I have regretfully decided not to take advantage of it on this occasion because most unfortunately Mr. Alport, the Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, informs me that a really rather bad case of sodomy between a teacher and boys at one of the Barnado Schools in Australia has just come to light, and he had been officially informed about it, which would make it difficult for him to give, at this particular point of time, the sort of highly favourable reply which I was hoping to obtain from him to the Adjournment Debate.

I have considered the matter carefully, and as the only object of raising the matter at all is to assist Child Migration generally, and the Fairbridge Schools in particular, I feel it would be better to wait awhile rather than have the Under-Secretary, or perhaps indeed some other Member, perhaps ill disposed, raise this aspect of it in the House. I hope you will agree that it is wise under the circumstances not to proceed now, but I shall hope of course to revert to the matter some time during next Session.

In the meantime you may be interested to see the enclosed reply I have now received from John Dugdale, who does offer to discuss this matter with the L.C.O. Officers responsible. If you know any of these Officers it might be quite a good moment to contact them again?

Yours sincerely,

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