

to a course of action that might well involve the disclosure of some of this material which was intended, when it was drafted, to be confidential.

3. You suggested then that the next step might be to see which establishments ought to be put on a black list. We feel no confidence in judgments based solely on paper evidence, which, moreover, as I said in my letter to Costley-White, was prepared for a particular limited purpose only. But for what it is worth, we have, in consultation with our experts on child care, gone through the notes on the various establishments and, based on those notes alone, we have drawn up the enclosure to this letter. Establishments in category "A" are those which we think are not fit to receive more migrants, for the present at least. Category "C" are establishments that pass muster. Category "B" contains those about which we do not know enough to say whether they ought to be placed in "A" or in "C". Some of the establishments in category "A" are so wrong in the principles on which they are run that they would need a complete metamorphosis to bring them into category "C".

4. The reputation in which the Fairbridge organisation has been held in this country - and no doubt in Australia as well - may, we recognise, remove from the sphere of practical politics the possibility of putting the Farm Schools at Pinjarra and Molong on your black list, although well-informed opinion would condemn them from the point of view of the accepted principles of child care.

5. Yesterday afternoon we saw for the first time the letter of 28th March from the Chairman of the Mission, in which he lists five establishments to which the Mission thought no more migrants should be sent. We should agree that these are probably the worst five.

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