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Telephone call to my home from June Carroll, seeking update information about Panel, ie. which, Lambeth or Wandsworth. Also anxious to confirm our next appointment. I got the impression there was a greater sense of urgency suddenly in her voice. I suggested I would contact her from my office on Monday to give her an update on Panel situation and also to arrange our next appointment. I felt it important that ringing my home was not to be encouraged other than in real emergency situations, which is why I suggested she contact me at my office on Monday morning.

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Brief discussion with Alison Barraball, Principal Officer, who had already had discussions with Brenda Jones, Principal Officer, Lambeth Adoption and Fostering Unit, as to the complications of the case and which Panel the report should be submitted to. It has been suggested and agreed in joint discussion between Brenda Jones and Jack Smith, Chair of Lambeth Adoption and Fostering Panel, that my report state against police reference "satisfactory" and Jack Smith will take personal responsibility for dealing with the matter at his Panel. I suggested to Alison that I would have further discussion with Mary Griffith-Jones in supervision, given my concerns and reservations about the couples application. Also informed by Alison, Leo Goodman, Director, had requested the file, given conviction record on police references.

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Telephoned June Carroll. Informed her that my Panel report would go to Lambeth Panel. Also our Director had requested to see the file because of the police reference which was normal practice and procedures in these circumstances. Arranged for home visit on 16th March for a session with June. Also offered further appointment with John Carroll the following week.

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Discussed the case in supervision with Mary Griffith-Jones. Expressed my concern about the case in general, in particular Mr Carroll's denial of the incident, and the direction given by Lambeth personnel in dealing with the police reference matter, which I found unprofessional and irresponsible, given our responsibilities towards children in care as their guardians. I have stated I would not be prepared to collude with such disgraceful professional practice. Mary Griffith-Jones agreed to take the matter up with Alison further. Also to read the file and then send it on to Leo Goodman, the Director, as requested.