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"S"

OPINION

I have been asked to express an opinion on the merits of the advice given by PL Watson on the 17th June 1998 and the 21st May 1999 not to prosecute "S" against whom complainant's had been had that he sexual assaulted boys in his care.

In reaching my opinion I have considered the following documents:

- a) Report DS Leach dated 11th March 1970 and attached statements
- b) DPP Letter dated 19th March 1970
- c) Minute DS Leach (?) dated 23rd March 1970.
- d) Report of DS Hill Report dated 29th March 1999
- e) Statements of [RO-A4] dated 27/1/1999 and 25/3/1999
- f) Statement [RO-A68] dated 22/1/1999
- g) David Bartlett's Interview with Bunny Baker
- h) David Bartlett's note visit to Bill Quinn
- i) David Bartlett's note Interview with Alex Anderson
- j) David Bartlett's note Interview with Alex Anderson
- k) Affidavit [RO-A50] dated 19th April 1979
- l) Affidavit [RO-A48] dated 23rd April 1979
- m) Affidavit [RO-A4] dated 19th April 1979
- n) Affidavit [RO-A1] dated 20th April 1979
- o) David Bartlett's note Interview with Tom Rankin.
- p) RAP article dated May 1979
- q) Memorandum DS Stelfox dated 21st May 1998
- r) Draft Advice PL Watson dated 10th June 1998
- s) Minute P L Watson dated 17th June 1998
- t) Advice PL Watson dated 17th June 1998
- u) Advice PL Watson dated 21st May 1999

The Facts:

S was a high profile figure who ran a home for young boys in Rochdale. On the 11th March 1970 Lancashire police submitted a report detailing complaints made by eight