

Enquiry

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

12 Buckingham Gate, London S.W.1

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19th March, 1970.

The Chief Constable,
County Police,
P.O.Box No. 77,
Headquarters,
Hutton,
Preston,
LANCASHIRE, PR4 3SB.

Dear Sir,

Re: Cyril Smith

I refer to my letter of the 16th March, 1970.

I have considered your file and I observe that eight young men, whose ages range from nineteen to twenty-four years, allege that between 1961 and 1966 Smith submitted them to various forms of indecency and I also observe that Smith denies their allegations. Any charges of indecent assault founded on these allegations, as well as being somewhat stale, would also be, in my view, completely without corroboration. Further, the characters of some of these young men would be likely to render their evidence suspect.

In the circumstances, I do not consider that if proceedings for indecent assault were to be taken against Smith, there would be a reasonable prospect of a conviction. I do not, therefore, advise his prosecution.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. Hutchinson.

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Mr Smith - inform
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