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From the Chief Superintendent at

To the Chief Constable.

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[RO-A65] was resident at the hostel between the 14th November, 1964, and the 27th November, 1965. He states that whilst at the hostel he was summoned to the Quiet Room by Smith, told to drop his trousers and underpants, because Smith had said he wished to examine him for hygiene purposes. He did as he was told and Smith then handled his private parts. On subsequent occasions, Smith discussed [RO-A65]'s sexual activities, and he alleges that Smith visited him about every three weeks when similar so-called examinations took place. On occasions, Smith laid [RO-A65] across his knee, pulled his buttocks apart and examined his anus. It will be seen from [RO-A65]'s statement that he makes further allegations regarding a man named [RO-F15]. This man is a former Rochdale Borough Councillor, a close personal friend of Smith and believed by many to be a homosexual. I have decided not to interview [RO-F15] at this stage, but his conduct will be the subject of a further separate enquiry.

[RO-A50] now aged 24 years, was resident at the hostel between the 1st August, 1964, and the 27th November, 1965. [RO-A50] states that whilst at the hostel he was seen by Smith in the Quiet Room where he was told he would have to undergo an examination regarding his physical fitness and also to check that he did not have any disease, in particular venereal disease. Although no actual examination took place on that first occasion, he was again seen by Smith some three weeks later in the Quiet Room at the hostel where Smith told him to drop his pants and then felt his genitals, asking him to cough. He was then told to turn round, still with his trousers down, and Smith pulled his buttocks apart. On a subsequent occasion Smith punished [RO-A50] by telling him to remove his trousers and striking him with the flat of his hand across his bare buttocks. He also states that Smith discussed [RO-A50]'s sexual relations.

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