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c/o Mr B P Williams

Dear Sir

Alleged Sexual Assault by one pupil on another in school

Further to our telephone conversation I give below the details concerning the above alleged sexual assault:

6. 4.89 (Evening)

[Redacted] complained to a member of staff that [Redacted] had forced his attentions on him and that he was frightened of [Redacted]. [Redacted] did not go into great detail at this stage but he did also mention it to other boys. [Redacted] is not a popular boy to begin with and a tense situation began to develop between him and a group of boys. [Redacted] was removed from the House Unit and slept in isolation in another part of the building.

7.4.89

[Redacted] the matter was reported to myself. Because of the unpopularity of [Redacted] I was not convinced that there was not some exaggeration. I thought there was a possibility that a plot may have been hatched so as to discredit [Redacted]. [Redacted] is also a volatile person who can be dangerously aggressive. I had a chat with him and explained that at that stage I was not sure where the truth lay, but that it would be better if he continued to sleep away from the House Unit until the matter could be investigated, which would take place after Mr Digan returned to work on the Tuesday following. This seemed to calm

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