

CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE

MINUTE

TO: DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT STELFOX
"OPERATION CLEOPATRA"

Our Ref: PLW.AB

RE: ADVICE REQUESTED IN RESPECT OF "ROCHDALE SUSPECT"
URN NO: 06/P3/A930 - "JEAN BROADBENT"

1. Further to our telephone conversation today I confirm that I have now considered the case papers relating to the investigation conducted by the police in 1970 in respect of the named suspect. In the interests of confidentiality I shall refer to the suspect as "S" in this minute. For the purpose of CPS records I have given the suspect the alias, Jean Broadbent.
2. I note that all the complainants were, at the relevant time, teenage boys aged 15 or 16 years and all vulnerable to the extent that they were living away from home in the Hostel named or dependent upon S, either for employment or financial or quasi parental support.
3. All those complainants who were housed at the Hostel complained of virtually the same type of indecent misconduct and relate virtually the same pretexts for that misconduct, namely medical examination and punishment for misbehaviour. I note that not one of them goes beyond suggesting anything other than the physical handling of the genitalia. In other words, there is no suggestion of masturbation of them. In each case S invited them to drop their trousers and underpants and each of them complied with that request. There is no suggestion that he interfered with their clothing in any way and all the misconduct occurred in the "quiet room".

The complaints with regard to the sexual misconduct arising from "punishment" is a highly unusual feature of the case in so far as it is alleged that he spanked the bare buttocks of 15 year old and 16 year old boys whilst they were voluntarily lying across his knee. The complainants are consistent in their accounts of what he did to them.
4. Of the Cambridge House complainants only RO-A49 complained but regrettably nothing happened. The others were either too frightened or did not know how or to whom to complain. Although none of them say so, I rather suspect that those who complained of "punishment" were probably too embarrassed to admit to anyone that they had allowed S to punish them in the way described.