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Mr Smith was probably innocent? Or merely that he probably was not innocent but that the evidence was nevertheless not such as to stand up in court?

6. So they would like further information, which I ~~would~~ have to invite you, please, to help me to obtain.

I am very ignorant about the ways of the Director of Public Prosecution, but I hope that a letter on the lines of the attached draft would be appropriate.

Mrs

MRS M E HEDLEY-MILLER

*Lt Robert Butler wrote to DPP
9 May 1988 with DPP
file, copy only.*

*No copy here. He held a meeting on
1 was present. A record is in L R Butler*

As Green found that the papers were missing, though enough record had been kept, including the DPP letter to the Home Office. There had been 8 boys who made allegation, 6 of whom were from the home. They made similar allegations: these could conceivably have been collusion. Mr Smith made a blanket denial in a written statement, and avoided all detailed questions on specific cases. These also went into the matter, as the DPP found the evidence 'stale' and unconvincing. A more precise account of the case, which was accepted

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hard felt that there should be a prosecution, but
higher authority advised the home office that
alleged offences were not there was no
evidence - no evidence other than that of the boys, A
jury would be told by a judge to look for something. So no man make
proposals for prosecution
J. Astin butler asked what the AttC wanted do if there

had been a prosecution and an acquittal. heard
thought they would give the benefit of the doubt. If
Astin felt that then should apply a fiction there there
had been no prosecution

I saw Mr. [unclear] on 9 May before he went to
Greenland. He furnished no details
to did have [unclear] & [unclear] who had been
on 11 May.

Certificate & Secretary's minute with [unclear] signed
and explanation at 10 AM [unclear], 11 May.

DPA

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