

i.e. The Langley affair. The second reason that he was feeling guilty about something, perhaps that he had not done something, or that he was involved in some way. However I didn't have strong feelings that he had been an abuser otherwise I would have done something about it. My thoughts were leaning towards the first reason I have given for him refusing to speak to me.

I asked Diana Cavanagh to write to **RO-F104** requesting him to co-operate with me, which she agreed to do.

I have been shown exhibit RC/7/I/1 minutes of a meeting held on 12th September 1991. During the meeting I reported that I had by this time interviewed the caretaker, a male called Mr Found. I would describe him as a rather slippery type of person. He denied any knowledge that he knew people had been coming into the school. I can't give more information without my original notes. I do recall he was performing duties beyond his responsibility as a caretaker, and as a result of some of the staff not being where they should be at night he would often lock up. There was a man across the road that he suspected of coming into the school and I got the impression that this man could only get in if Mr Found admitted him. The male was called Rodney Hilton. I do remember at subsequent meetings the issue of an injunction in respect of Rodney Hilton was brought up but I cannot recall any specific details.

I have been shown a copy of exhibit RC/23/B/1 notes of a meeting held on 11th October 1991.

I was not present at this meeting and I am recorded as sending my apology. I do not remember why I did not attend I may have been at court although I was very busy lecturing and teaching at the time. Without my notes it is difficult to give an explanation.

My report was completed and published on 18th February 1992 and it was discussed at a meeting on 3rd March 1992.

Diana Cavanagh had seen the report and had asked me to remove the identification of the pupils and the sentence about the caretakers from my original report. I took legal advice about the circulation of my report to prevent having unrestricted circulation. As a result of that advice my report begins with the first section below the title 'Knowl View School'. I was concerned that my report contained information about these children and may be seen by all sorts of committees, without any one asking my permission. Bill Lawley the Borough Solicitor continually reminded others of this legally binding statement.

I have no recollection of events between September 1991 and February 1992 when I published my report as I already stated I have no original notes and I am relying on documents that I have been shown relative to that time.

Signature: V Mellor
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