



235 Dumbarton Road  
Glydebank

Name of Social Worker Mrs A. Keltie

Date

Tel. No. 37 42004

To :-

The Head Teacher

St Columba's High School

Dear Sir/Madam

Child's Name Helen Marshall

The above named child is in \*residential care/~~care of foster parents~~. I should be obliged if you would arrange for \*caring staff/~~foster parents~~ to receive the child's annual school report in the normal way when these are being issued to all parents.

Additionally, it would be appreciated if the report form overleaf could be completed and returned to me in the stamped addressed envelope provided. The child's social worker could arrange to see you if you would like to discuss any matters arising from the report.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



\* Delete inappropriate

REPORT on

[REDACTED]  
HELEN MARSHALL D/b 31.1.64

Address: 30 Lawmuir Crescent, Faifley, Clydebank

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family Setting:

[REDACTED]  
Helen 31.1.64 " " " "

Home Situation:

[REDACTED]  
At first, [REDACTED] Helen [REDACTED] were taken into care but in time a suitable house was found for them, where [REDACTED] could make a home for [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] girls. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] so a Home Help was arranged, who came in at 7 a.m. to get the girls up, give them breakfast and see them off to school. [REDACTED] came back to do the housework, shopping and washing and was there to give the girls their tea when they came home from school and waited till 6 p.m.

The Home Help [REDACTED] was excellent and strove to maintain a high standard in the house, but found difficulty in obtaining the full co-operation of [REDACTED] who, with [REDACTED] inexperience of domestic life, showed some lack of responsibility towards the care of the children.

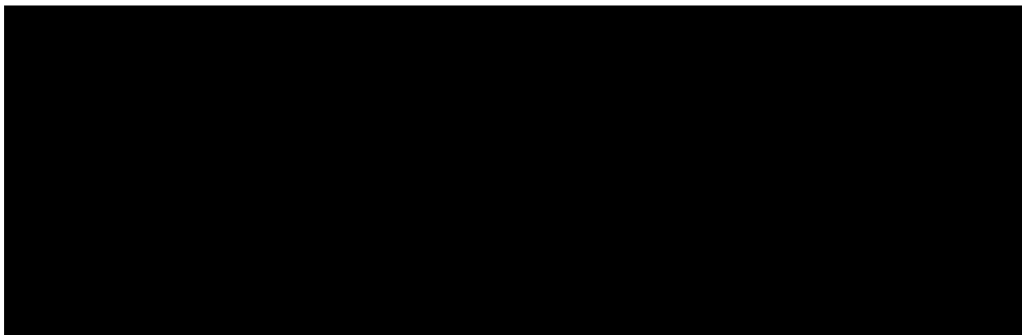
[REDACTED] became frustrated because [REDACTED] efforts to leave everything ready for the next morning were undermined by the lack of supervision in the evenings. There were also times when [REDACTED] was late in returning from work. [REDACTED] would take the children to [REDACTED] own home, rather than leave them unattended. Although [REDACTED] became very fond of the children, [REDACTED] felt [REDACTED] could no longer continue to work in the situation where [REDACTED] was only responsible for part of the day but felt concern for the remainder of the time. [REDACTED] therefore resigned and was due to finish work there on 14.6.74.

No other home help was found who was willing to undertake these duties and when no vacancies were found for the girls last week, [REDACTED] agreed to stay for one more week but will definitely finish on 21.6.74. [REDACTED]

This is a very closely-knit family which has already had to be split up considerably. We are anxious therefore to keep /...

MARSHALL FAMILY

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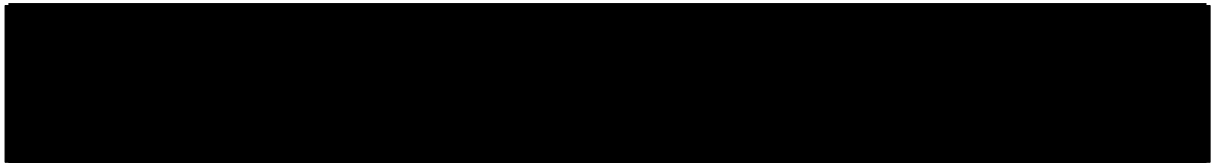
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Social Work investigation revealed that the children appeared to be ill-cared for and badly fed. [redacted] insisted that [redacted] was providing adequate care in the person of [redacted]



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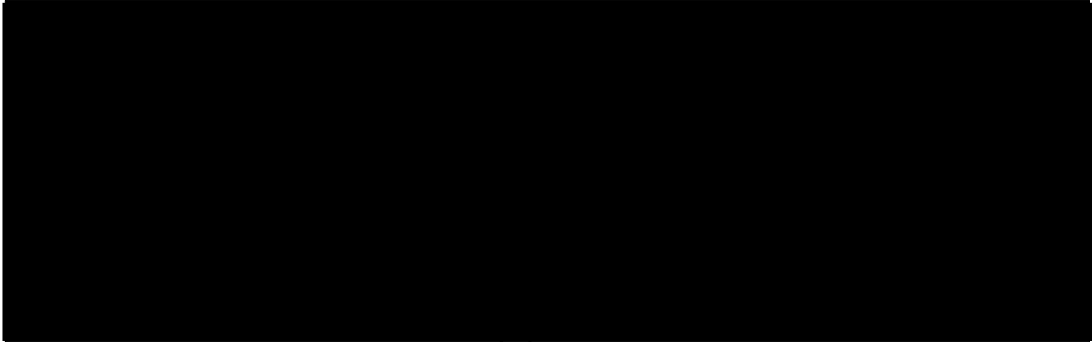
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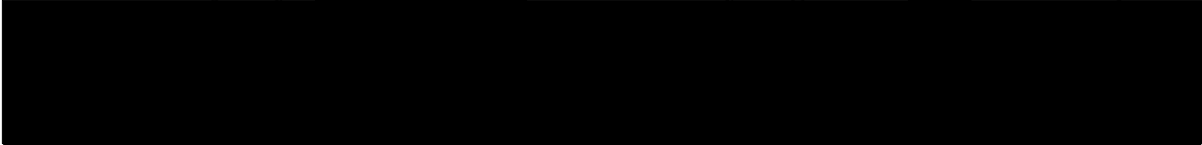
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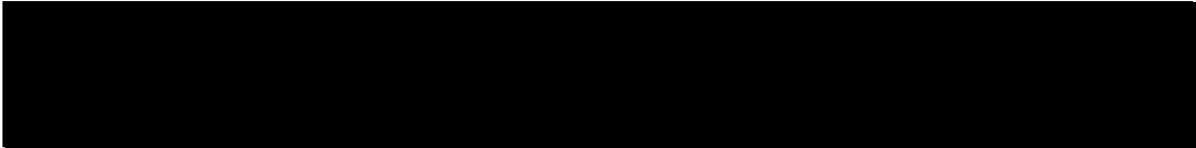
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TEMPORARY REVIEW FORM : Date of Review:- 31st October, 1978

Location of Review:- Craigellachie

Review Stage (e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd):- 2nd

A. Name of Child:- HELEN MARSHALL

Date of Admission:- 30-1-73

Age:- 14 years

Date of Medical:- 30-1-73

Present Placement Address:-

Name & Address of G.P.:- Dr. [REDACTED]

(whilst child is in care)

Home Address (or address of next of kin):-

[REDACTED] 4F Lawmuir Crescent, Faifley

Clydebank Health Centre

School Attended (with date attendance commenced and class number):-

St. Columba's (12-9-77)

B. Reason for Admission:- At risk - single parent - in need of care and protection.

Changes in Home Circumstances since Admission:- Since initial admission, standards within the home have vastly changed. [REDACTED]

C. How has Child Settled in Placement:- Reasonably well according to the staff at Craigellachie, though she is requesting to go home to [REDACTED] at Christmas time.

Any Significant Changes in Behaviour (e.g. withdrawn; temper outbursts):- No.

Any Significant Changes in Health:- No.

Child's Comments on Placement and Admission:- Reasonably happy at Craigellachie with knowledge that she can eventually go home to stay with [REDACTED]

D. Comments From Foster-Parent or Residential Staff (if the latter a separate report should be submitted by the staff member concerned):-

If the Foster-Parent or Residential Staff Member is not at the Review Please State Reason for Non-Attendance:-

E. If Child is Attending School Please Comment on How He/She has Settled In and Mention Any Identified Problems (a report from the teacher should be attached) (specify contacts between social worker and teacher):- Fairly well and any problems have been dealt with adequately within the school.

If Teacher is Not at Review Please State Reason for Non-Attendance:-

F. Has Child had Contact with Parents/Relatives/Friends Since Admission (please identify and catalogue contacts):- Contact with [redacted] girls go home to [redacted] at weekends and holiday periods and are frequently at [redacted] home in weekday evenings.

If Parent(s) is Not at Review Please State Reason for Non-Attendance:- [redacted] in full-time employment and contacts with [redacted] are good - although always initiated by Social Worker.

Have Facilities Been Made Available for This Contact to Happen (please specify arrangements or reasons for not making facilities available):-  
Yes - as above.

G. Social Worker's Contact with Child (Please identify locations and dates of contact):-  
Regular contact by visit and telephone, both at Craigsellachie and [redacted] home. Also accompanied girls to Sports Day at Largs organised by the Minister of Sport. Arrangement is flexible enough that girls can contact me by telephone at any time.

Social Worker's Contact with Parents/Relatives/Friends (please identify locations and dates of contact):- Home visits to [redacted] on 20-9-78; 26-9-78; 10-10-78; 16-10-78; 23-10-78.

H. Details of any Other Persons or Agencies Involved in this case:-  
None.

- I. Future Proposals: Date of Discharge:- \_\_\_\_\_
- : Is Present Placement Suitable (if not please specify reason):-  
Suggest discuss at review possibility of discharge to [redacted] home  
at Christmas time.
  - : Alternative Placement Required:- \_\_\_\_\_
  - : Other Actions Required (e.g. Child Psychologist involvement):-  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - : Future Contact with Child/Parent(s)/Foster-Parents/Residential  
Staff/Other Agencies:- \_\_\_\_\_
  - : Date and Location of Next Review:- \_\_\_\_\_

J. Details of All Persons Attending Review (specify the tasks allocated to them up to  
the discharge or next review):- \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_

E. If Child is Attending School Please Comment on How He/She has Settled In and Mention Any Identified Problems (a report from the teacher should be attached) (specify contacts between social worker and teacher):- Helen [redacted] have managed to cope with the changing of schools and any problems that have arisen in school have been settled at this level.

If Teacher is Not at Review Please State Reason for Non-Attendance:- Teacher was not invited due to an oversight but will be invited to future reviews.

F. Has Child had Contact with Parents/Relatives/Friends Since Admission (please identify and catalogue contacts):- Children have ~~all~~ had contact with [redacted] This was one of the prime reasons for moving the children to a local Children's Home. Ever since their admission to Craigellachie there have been consistent weekly contacts with [redacted] at home involving overnight stays.

If Parent(s) is Not at Review Please State Reason for Non-Attendance:- [redacted] contacts with [redacted] regarding the children are good.

Have Facilities Been Made Available for This Contact to Happen (please specify arrangements or reasons for not making facilities available):- In the past [redacted] has not made any effort to go along to the Children's Home to see [redacted] and it has been thought that a more secure relationship is being established between them by the girls going home every weekend.

G. Social Worker's Contact with Child (Please identify locations and dates of contact):- There has been regular contact at Craigellachie Children's Home and there has been no rigid dates. The relationship between social worker and children is flexible enough in that the children can at any time contact me by telephone and unofficial visits are also made to the Home by the Social Worker.

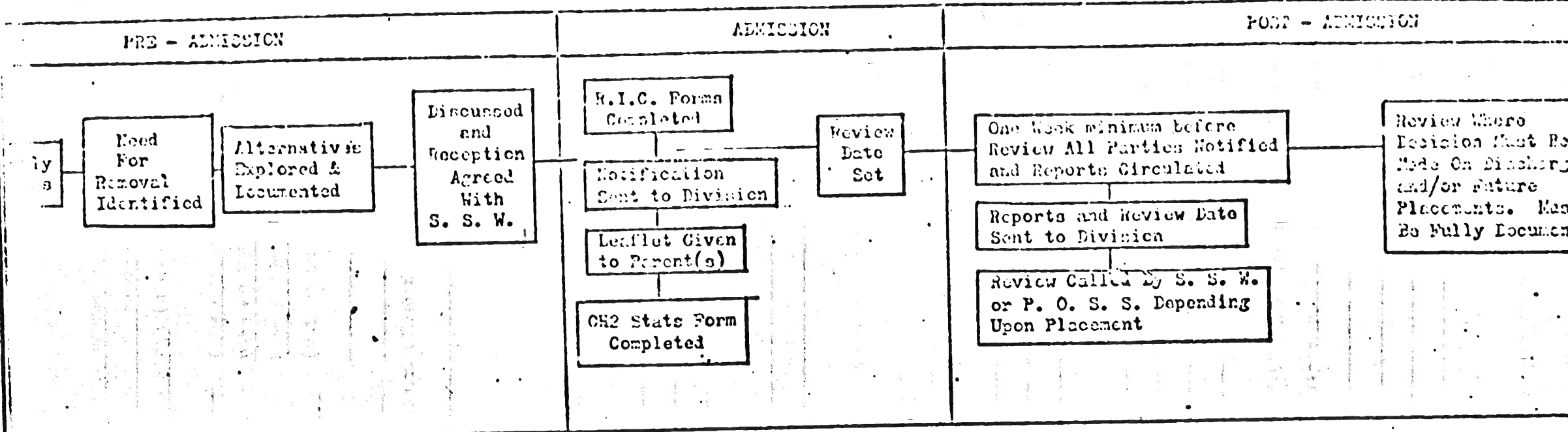
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H. Details of any Other Persons or Agencies Involved in this case:- None

- I. Future Proposals: Date of Discharge:- Presently Social Worker working on future discharge from Craigellachie Children's Home.
- : Is Present Placement Suitable (if not please specify reason):-  
Yes
- : Alternative Placement Required:-  
No
- : Other Actions Required (e.g. Child Psychologist involvement):-  
No
- : Future Contact with Child/Parent(s)/Foster-Parents/Residential Staff/Other Agencies:- There will continue to be future contact with [redacted] residential staff and school staff concerned.
- : Date and Location of Next Review:- 6th June, 1978  
Craigellachie Children's Home.

- J. Details of All Persons Attending Review (specify the tasks allocated to them up to the discharge or next review):- Mr. John McLean (Child Care Adviser),  
Mr. T.S. Edwards (Area Officer), Mr. P.B. Galletly (P.O. Supportive Services),  
Miss C. Donnachie (Matron - Craigellachie), Mrs. A. Kellie (Social Worker),  
Mr. R. McLeod (Senior Social worker)

Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_



SOCIAL WORK DEPT.  
RECEIVED 19/6/73  
ACKNOWLEDGED

BURGH OF CLYDEBANK - Social Work CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Boarded-Out Children - Annual Report (Primary School)

Case No. 252

Name of Child MARSHALL Helen Date of Birth 31-1-64

Name and Address of Guardian Mungdock Children's Home  
Mungdock

SCHOOL REPORT:

School Attended Strathblane Primary Class Primary IV

Pupil's I.Q. Type of Test Date tested

Please state below if child's attainment is Above/Average/ Average/ Below Average for his/her class. Where a class is divided into ability groups, please state how many and which group the child is in.

LANGUAGE ARTS

REMARKS

Reading Average  
Oral Expression Average  
Written Expression Below Average

State child's attitude to schoolwork, attitude to other children, any tendency to emotional disturbance etc.

MATHEMATICS/ARITHMETIC Below Average

Helen is a very hard working girl.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUBJECTS

History Below Average  
Geography  
Nature/Science Average  
Art/Handwork Average

She gets on very well with the other children in the class.

MUSIC Average

Helen has not shown any tendency to emotional disturbance.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION Average

ATTENDANCE REGULAR

Signature of Head Teacher 

Date 12 June 1973

Director of Social Work

Report on completion to be returned to the Children's Officer, 235 Dumbarton Road, Clydebank

TEMPORARY REVIEW FORM : Date of Review:- 7.2.78

Location of Review:- Craigellachie Ch. Home

Review Stage (e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd):-

Children

A. Name of Child:- Helen Marshall

Age:- 13 and years.

Present Placement Address:-

. Cochno Street, Whitecrook, Clydebank

Home Address (or address of next of kin):-

4 Lawmuir Crescent, Faifley, Clydebank

School Attended (with date attendance commenced and class number):-

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Name & Address of G.P.:- Dr.

(whilst child is in care)

Clydebank Health Centre

B. Reason for Admission:- At risk. In need of care and protection.

Changes in Home Circumstances since Admission:- Since initial care admission, standards within the home have vastly improved

C. Any Significant Changes in Behaviour: (e.g. withdrawn; temper outbursts):-

Helen is reasonably stable but according to staff at Craigellachie, she is inclined to be acting out on occasions. This could be due to her development stage and her transfer last year from Quarrier's Homes, Bridge of Weir, to Craigellachie, and the very natural reaction to growing up in care.

D. Comments From Foster-Parent or Residential Staff (if the latter a separate report should be submitted by the staff member concerned):-

# SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT/RECORD

Register Class of the pupil **1B**

Name of school **Wm. Quarrier H.S.**

Name of pupil **HELEN MARSHALL**

Cottage 13.

**Note to parents**

The object of this report is to inform you of your child's attainment and progress in the subjects shown, and also to provide an estimate of whether, *in relation to his/her own age, aptitude and ability*, this progress can be regarded as satisfactory.

You are also advised in the report of the degree of interest shown by your child in each subject.

Where applicable, the set in which your child has been placed for a particular subject is indicated by an entry such as 2/3 – meaning that he/she has been placed in the second of three sets.

For attainment, pupils are assessed in relation to all the pupils in their class on a five-point scale as follows:

- A (*well above average*), B (*above average*), C (*average*),
- D (*below average*), E (*well below average*).

If you wish more information you are welcome to call at the school.

| SUBJECT      | Set | Attainment | Progress     |                | Interest |
|--------------|-----|------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
|              |     |            | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |          |
| English      |     | C          | ✓            | ✓              |          |
| History      |     | E          | ✓            | ✓              |          |
| Geography    |     |            |              |                |          |
| Languages: + |     |            |              |                |          |
| Mathematics  |     | E          | ✓            |                |          |
| Arithmetic   |     |            |              |                |          |
| Science      |     | C          | ✓            | ✓              |          |
| Art          |     | B          | ✓            | ✓              |          |

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| Crafts                           |     |            |              |                |          |
| Technical subjects:<br>Craftwork |     |            |              |                |          |
| Drawing                          |     |            |              |                |          |
| Homecraft                        |     | E          | ✓            | ✓              |          |
| Music:<br>General course         |     | D          | ✓            | ✓              |          |
| Instrumental*<br><b>RECORDER</b> |     | D          | ✓            | ✓              |          |
| Physical education               |     |            |              |                |          |
| +                                |     |            |              |                |          |
| +                                |     |            |              |                |          |

\* Teacher to enter instrument  
+ Teacher to enter subjects

| ATTENDANCES |        |
|-------------|--------|
| POSSIBLE    | ACTUAL |
|             |        |

Remarks (to be entered only when necessary):

June, 1946 (date)



(Head Teacher)

EMERGENCY CALL OUT

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Craigellachie Home,  
Clydebank

Wednesday, 1st November, 1978

11.30 p.m. Telephone call from Miss Harrison, Deputy Matron, re the above-named.

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Off Duty: 2.15 a.m.

[REDACTED]  
JOHN MACPHERSON  
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In respect of Helen Marshall

BURGH OF CLYDEBANK

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

- (a) I hereby agree that the Medical Officer of Health, or his Depute, or any of his medical assistants, or any Medical Practitioner, duly instructed by the Medical Officer or the Children's Officer, or the Matron or other person in charge of the child, shall have the right and authority, if in his or her opinion it is in the interest of the child so to do, or the circumstances require such action, (1) to inoculate my child against diphtheria, whooping-cough, measles, or other infectious disease; and (2) to transfer my child to hospital for any medical or surgical reason (including the administration of a general anaesthetic for the purpose of diagnosis or operation) or on the occurrence or threatened occurrence of any infectious disease.
- (b) I hereby declare that I am aware that in terms of Section 10 of the Children Act, 1948, I am required to secure that the Local Authority are informed of my address for the time being.

Signed [REDACTED] . Parent

Signed ..... Parent

**General Register Office for Scotland**

Ladywell House Ladywell Road Edinburgh EH12 7TF

Telephone 031-334 6854 ext

Miss Davie  
Social Worker  
235 Dumbarton Road  
Clydebank

RECEIVED 25/10/76  
ACKNOWLEDGED

Your reference --

Our reference  
CRS 22/4

Date

21 October 1976

Dear Miss Davie

[REDACTED]  
HELEN MARSHALL d.o.b. 1.2.63

[REDACTED] the social worker at Quarrier's Homes sent you a copy of a letter I sent [REDACTED] about the above-noted children who are residing in Elise Hospital, Quarrier's Homes. They were previously at 28 Drumry Road, Clydebank.

I should be grateful if you would make enquiry for the information requested in that letter so that I can trace them in our records.

The information ~~is~~ needed so that their medical records may be transferred ~~to~~:

1. NHS No. (ie. the registration district and entry number on the birth certificate)
2. Registered birth names
3. Place of registration of birth
4. [REDACTED] maiden name

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Index Section NHSCR

**General Register Office for Scotland**  
Ladywell House Ladywell Road Edinburgh EH12 7TF

Telephone 031-334 6854 ext

The Director of Child Care  
Quarrier's Homes  
Bridge of Weir  
Renfrewshire  
PA11 3SA

Your reference --

Our reference

CRS 22/4

Date

6 September 1976

Dear Sir

[REDACTED]  
HELEN MARSHALL " " " 1. 2. 63

The above noted children are understood to be resident in Elise Hospital, Quarrier's Homes, and in order to transfer their medical records their NHS numbers are required.

I would be grateful if you could furnish particulars as under (in confidence) to enable me to trace them in our records.

1. NHS No. (ie the registration district and entry No. on the birth certificate)
2. Registered birth names
3. Place of registration of birth
4. [REDACTED] maiden name
5. Any social work department responsible for them.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Index Section

## Record of Visits and History of Case

14.6.74 [redacted] has given notice that [redacted] will no longer look after the Marshall family, [redacted] particularly, are becoming difficult, with Helen following their example. [redacted] feels that most of the trouble stems from lack of responsibility on [redacted] part. [redacted] has agreed to stay for one more week to give us an opportunity to make other arrangements for the girls.

Every available children's home was contacted without success. Arranview asked for a report, which was sent on 18.6.74, but owing to staffing difficulties they could not accept the girls at present. In the end, [redacted], by rearranging the rooms was able to offer four places for [redacted] Helen [redacted] on 24.6.74 at McKeith House, Dunoon. (E. Davie, Social Worker)

16.7.74 Visited at McKeith House. Helen [redacted] have settled down very well.

17.8.74 Visited at McKeith House. Helen [redacted] very happy.

9.11.74 Visited at McKeith House. Helen had not been well but is better now. She [redacted] like this school very much.

24.12.74 Arranged for Helen [redacted] to come home for the New Year.

29.12.74 Met Helen [redacted] & took them home.

3.1.75 Visited at home [redacted] had been drunk.

6.1.75 Picked up Helen [redacted] at Braigellach & took them to meet [redacted].

14.2.75 Met Helen [redacted] & took them home for half term week end.

17.2.75 Picked Helen [redacted] up at Braigellach & took them to meet [redacted]. They are very secure & happy at McKeith House.

20.3.75 Visited [redacted] to ask if [redacted] had any

Date

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news about the rumors to be used at London  
in spite of being told the date of the imp  
event [redacted] did not go

14. 5. 75 Visited at McMillan Home everything going well

16. 8. 75 Took [redacted] to spend a few days  
with [redacted] Helen [redacted]

18. 8. 75 Took [redacted] Helen [redacted] to Braggelochie  
MacMillan Home is being closed but Helen &  
[redacted] are happy to go wherever [redacted]

There has been a hint about the new home  
Quarries as at present they are to be allowed  
to use a cottage at Quarries Home

21. 9. 75 Took Helen [redacted] to Cottage 13 Quarries Home

22. 9. 75 Visited at Quarries. The girls find it also  
being in such an enclosed community but  
they are enjoying helping to settle in

10. 10. 75 Visited at Quarries. Helen [redacted] are now  
now settled in.

14. 12. 75 Visited at Quarries. Helen [redacted] like the  
school now & were enthusiastic about their  
preparations

30. 12. 75 Visited at Quarries. Helen [redacted] really happy

1. 2. 76 Visited at Quarries. [redacted] had just  
been told that their Society was closing  
the children's section & would not therefore  
opening a new home [redacted] have  
find new jobs & the children have to  
remain. There are no vacancies at Bray  
or Family Group Home

14. 2. 76 No success from telephone calls to every  
known children's Home - even far-distant one

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although [redacted] could see no signs of her making any trouble Helen seemed to be getting involved with [redacted] - who was playing with a moped bike outside and who [redacted] was very unhappy about the girls associating with. However, the matter was resolved when [redacted] was given an [redacted] by [redacted]

Helen is happy to be at home, though I feel concerned that she is quite happy not to be doing anything during the day. As yet, nothing has come of the [redacted] Helen has a few friends with whom she goes to discos with, but does not have any other real hobbies. She occasionally goes horse riding at the week-end. I feel, however, that once she is settled into some more structured existence she will be more happy. [redacted]

15.9.80

Phone call from [redacted] stating that Helen had been taken into the Western Infirmary in the early hours of the morning, having taken an overdose of magic mushrooms. She had apparently been hallucinating and had not been in control of herself or her senses.

Phoned Western Infirmary who said that Helen would be discharged that day. I collected Helen from the Western and heard that in fact she had eaten a hundred magic mushrooms, and that she could have died as one in forty-odd is fatal. Helen seemed quite shaken up when she came out of the hospital and was not very able to communicate. However, I felt she had had a fright and when I spoke to her of the possibility that she could have killed herself she seemed quite shocked. Hopefully, this will be a lesson to her. She is not working at present, but I feel possibly if she could be directed into some kind of work that this might prevent her from becoming bored and therefore becoming involved in such activities as this again. She had been involved in this activity with [redacted] whom she is friendly.

Helen

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20.4.78

A visit was made to Craigellachie tonight to discuss with Helen [redacted] future plans and the possibility of Helen returning to [redacted] home permanently.

Helen was not too enthusiastic about going home to [redacted] for good as the present arrangement seems to be favourable to her, this being going on a Thursday evening from Craigellachie and returning again on Monday evening after school. It was decided that Helen would remain at Craigellachie until the school holidays and the situation would be reviewed again after the school holidays.

27.4.78

Home visit. [redacted] is in full agreement to Helen continuing to come home at weekends.

JANUARY SUMMARY:

Helen left school at Christmas time and an appointment was made with [redacted] (Careers Guidance) [redacted] hoped to place Helen with Compton Industries and this was arranged. However unfortunately at the last minute this fell through since it was felt by the manager at Hall Street that Helen would not fit in with the group.

[redacted] therefore referred her to Youth Opportunities - [redacted] [redacted] says that [redacted] feels Helen could be fitted in quite well to the programme - in perhaps an old people's home or somewhere in the community.

[redacted] is quite happy with this. However, [redacted] feels very tight and unsettled should things not go smoothly with regards to the girls. [redacted] certainly feels the responsibility of the girls a great deal to [redacted]

At one point, this month when [redacted] felt the pressures too much [redacted] telephoned Craigellachie and requested they took Helen back. However [redacted] was advised to contact me and in fact, did not do so.

Soon afterwards at a home visit, it appeared that [redacted] [redacted] was staying in the Marshall household and [redacted] felt

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21. 4. 77

[Redacted]

24. 4. 77

25. 4. 77

Foot Helen [Redacted] back to Quassia

26. 6. 77

Home visit on Sunday while girls were home

27. 7. 77

Barry Mr. Dickson (S.M.) to say that Ebeada was offering 4 more children would be transferring from Saigellachii so there would be vacancies if Helen [Redacted] wanted to be with [Redacted]

28. 7. 77

Home visit brought up subject of possible vacancy in Sijdeboat. No definite response arranged to take the girls out on Wednesday so that they would not be inhibited by [Redacted] disease

29. 7. 77

Foot Helen [Redacted] and Helen said she would like to go to Saigellachii but [Redacted] wants to stay at Quassia

30. 7. 77

Base for exercise at Quassia [Redacted]

in a year then the girls would all be separated if only one went to Saigellachii. It was agreed that Mr. Dickson should talk to them in try to get a united decision from them

31. 8. 77

When Mr. Dickson interviewed Helen [Redacted] Helen said she'd decided to stay at Quassia [Redacted] had decided to go to Saigellachii & [Redacted] was decided they should go on cottage holiday

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and see Mr Dickalson when they returned from holiday  
24.8.77 Rang Quarriers Mr Dickalson in due back as

TRANSFER SUMMARY

Helen [redacted] have been in care since 24.6.74. At that time they went to [redacted] at McKeith House, Dunoon, and they were very happy there, but [redacted] made no effort to keep in contact with them, even when [redacted] was informed of illness or reminded of birthdays. [redacted] did nothing. [redacted] - but Helen continued to be deeply hurt.

When [redacted] moved with their "family" to Bridge of Weir the girls still felt the security of being in the same group and settled well. However, Helen at one stage wrote to [redacted] and said if [redacted] did not reply this time she would have nothing more to do with [redacted]. This brought some reaction and with [redacted] support great efforts were made to build up a relationship again. Home leaves have gradually become more frequent and independent until now Helen & [redacted] come home once a fortnight on their own [redacted]

They now have an opportunity of returning to Craigellachie so that they are near home or of staying at Quarriers and having the chance to go home every weekend if they so desire. It is a sad reflection on their home life that they cannot decide to leave the security of living [redacted] who have cared for them for over three years.

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21. 7. 76 Visited at Quaxias girl did not suggest coming home for holiday  
 16. 8. 76 Took [redacted] to visit Nelia [redacted]  
 3. 9. 76 Brought Nelia [redacted] from Quaxias  
 5. 9. 76 Took Nelia [redacted] back  
 18. 10. 76 Phone call from Nelia asking if they might come for a holiday during October. Nelia's next visit to [redacted] arranged to bring girls home to Quaxias  
 14. 10. 76 Brought Nelia [redacted] home  
 26. 10. 76 Took Nelia [redacted] back to Quaxias  
 16. 12. 76 Visited at Quaxias. The girls would like stay at Quaxias for Christmas but go afterwards  
 31. 12. 76 Brought Nelia [redacted] home  
 2. 1. 77 Returned to Quaxias home  
 27. 1. 77 Arranged for Nelia [redacted] to go home for a holiday. They will be seen on Train at Budget of [redacted] to be met by [redacted]. On return journey [redacted] will see them on train. They are met by Quaxias minibus.  
 9. 3. 77 Nelia in hospital. Health not talking [redacted]  
 10. 3. 77 Visited Nelia in Quaxias F.N.T. Hospital  
 16. 3. 77 Took [redacted] to visit Nelia [redacted] so in with [redacted] which we were then [redacted] had visited at weekend.  
 28. 3. 77 Informed [redacted] that Nelia was home  
 31. 3. 77 Brought Nelia [redacted] home  
 7. 4. 77 Visited at home - a very happy family  
 12. 4. 77 Took girls back to Quaxias. They would frequent home visits.

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11.2.76 Interview with Sr. Mallon to see if he knew of any Catholic foster parents or how to proceed case fully. Then arranged interview with Sr. Shanley to proceed.

12.2.76 Interview with Sr. Shanley. He had been in touch with Sr. Gibbon who thought there was a possibility for a place for [redacted] Helen.

18.2.76 Sr. Gibbon explained that a new small unit was being opened at Raylton for only seven children. He thought perhaps [redacted] Helen could go there. Sr. Laurence is being appointed at the end of the month & the decisions will be made about admissions.

5.3.76 Telephone Sr. Gibbon who said it had been decided yesterday that Helen [redacted] could be admitted. He will ring to proceed with details. Patsy [redacted] was informed that they have been approved employment by Quansias Home & can keep the original children who are still with them.  
Interviewed Sr. Gibbon

9.3.76 [redacted]

10.3.76 [redacted]

17.3.76 [redacted]

26.3.76 [redacted]

31.3.76 Brought Helen & [redacted] home.

2.4.76 Took Helen [redacted] back to Quansias.

21.4.76 Girls have seen Quansias S.W. - [redacted]

23.4.76 Visited at Quansias. Girls made no comment about home leave to [redacted]

**APPLICATION UNDER THE CHILDREN ACT, 1948**

Reg. No.

Roll No.

Sect. of Act

1

Area

Name MARSHALL Helen Religion R.C.

Date of Birth 31.1.64 Place and Regn. Dist. of Birth .....

Birth Entry No. .... If Roman Catholic, Date and Parish of Baptism .....

\*Orphan/Separated/Deserted ..... \*Legitimate/Illegitimate ..... N.R. No. ....

If removed to an Institution:  
Name and Address of Institution Mugdock Bank Childrens Home

Date of Admission 30.1.73 Rate of Board .....

If Boarded out:  
Name of Guardian ..... Date of Birth .....  
Address ..... Occupation .....  
Apartments .....  
Name of Husband/Wife ..... No. of Beds .....  
Date of Birth ..... Occupation ..... Relationship to child \*H/W .....

Other Members of Household (including B.O.C.): Religion .....

| Name | Age | Relationship to Guardian | Occupation, &c. |
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Allowance ..... Date Boarded out .....  
Pocket Money ..... School .....  
Church ..... Doctor .....  
Youth Organisations .....

Date of Application .....  
By Whom Made .....  
Address of Child at Application 84 John Knox Street, Clydebank  
Ordinary Residence (if different from above) .....  
Claim Made Against ..... Date .....

\*Delete as appropriate

Particulars as to Child:

[Redacted] Age..... Occupation.....

Name and Address of employer.....

..... Check No..... Wage.....

If Father De [Redacted] Place of Death.....

Mother's Na [Redacted] Occupation.....

Address.....

Name and Address of Employer.....

..... Check No..... Wage.....

If Mother Dead—Date and Cause of Death..... May, 1970..... Place of Death.....

OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY

| Name       | Relationship to Child | Date of Birth | Address | Employment, etc. |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|------------------|
| [Redacted] |                       |               |         |                  |
| [Redacted] |                       |               |         |                  |
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| [Redacted] |                       |               |         |                  |
| [Redacted] |                       |               |         |                  |

Statement of Case

The Marshall children have been a cause for concern for several months. [Redacted] It is felt to be in the best interests of the child that she should have a period of time in care.

School last attended.....

If Committed by Court—Date of Committal Order..... No.....

..... Children's Officer

Disposal of Case..... Date.....

Submitted to Committee.....

Decision.....

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Helen was taken to Mugdock Bank C.H. today (during my absence with 'flu).

Phoned Mugdock today, on my return to work. Helen is settling in well and Matron says she is giving no trouble at all.

Visited Mugdock today. Unfortunately I could only see [redacted] [redacted]. However, Helen had been invited out for tea which is very good. She has made a friend at school whose [redacted] invited her. Matron is pleased with her and says she is settling down well.

73 'Phoned Mugdock. Matron is on holiday but [redacted] depute assistant was on duty and [redacted] told me that Helen is now settling down and seems to be happier.

73 'Phoned Mugdock. Matron is still on holiday. The report on Helen is that she is doing well and appears happy.

73 Depute Matron at Mugdock reports Helen to be well and happy. Matron will be back tomorrow from her holiday.

73 Visited Mugdock today with Medical Form for Helen's holiday at Dunoon starting 29th June for two weeks.

Children are said by Matron to be much more settled, but still 'wanting home'.

6.73 School report received to-day. Helen appears to be 'Average' in the majority of subjects. She is said to be hard-working and not showing any emotional disturbance.

9.6.73 To McKeith House, Dunoon, for two weeks holiday.

8.73 Helen was visited to-day and appeared to be happy and well.

The girls have obviously enjoyed the holiday at McKeith House very much indeed and have in fact been in touch by phone since they came home.

I explained my plans for a new house for the family and phoned S.S.H.A. who have to-day offered them a house. A promise was made to let the girls have any news as soon as possible.

I was surprised to find that none of the girls knows their birthday and on /....

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on return to the Social Work Department checked this for them and telephoned to Mugdock Bank to give them this information.

3 Visited Mugdock Children's Home today accompanied by [REDACTED] Home Help. The purpose of this visit was to introduce [REDACTED] to the Marshall children. It is hoped that [REDACTED] will accept the job of home help in the Marshall household and it was felt that the meeting with the children would get them off to a better start. The girls are very much looking forward to being at home once more and our visit proved very pleasant.

73 [REDACTED] Helen discharged from Mugdock to the care of [REDACTED]

### Off Roll

#### 2nd care period.

74 On Roll - [REDACTED] Helen [REDACTED] admitted to McKeith House, Dunoon.

#### Summary of circumstances:

On 25.9.73 children discharged from care and returned to [REDACTED] a House has been allocated at 3G Lawmuir Cres., Faifley and help has been given by the department to furnish it with basic needs.

A Home Help ([REDACTED]) has agreed to come in at 7.00 a.m. when [REDACTED] goes to work to get the children up, give them breakfast and see them off to school. [REDACTED] will then return in the afternoon to do cleaning, washing, shopping and to prepare a meal. [REDACTED] will leave at 6.00 p.m. when [REDACTED] is due home.

4.4.74 - During the above period [REDACTED] has looked after the home and children most conscientiously but becomes very frustrated at the lack of co-operation from [REDACTED]. There have been many occasions when [REDACTED] has left the children unattended which [REDACTED] plausible explanations do not excuse.

14.6.74.

Date

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14.6.74 [redacted] has given notice that [redacted] will no longer look after the Marshall family, [redacted] particularly, are becoming difficult, with Helen following their example. [redacted] feels that most of the trouble stems from lack of responsibility on [redacted] part. [redacted] has agreed to stay for one more week to give us an opportunity to make other arrangements for the girls.

Every available children's home was contacted without success. Arranview asked for a report, which was sent on 18.6.74, but owing to staffing difficulties they could not accept the girls at present. In the end, [redacted] by rearranging the rooms was able to offer four places for [redacted] Helen [redacted] on 24.6.74 at McKeith House, Dunoon.  
(E. Davie, Social Worker)

16.7.74

[redacted]



EMD/PMK

18th June, 1974.

[REDACTED]  
Social Work Department,  
Adam Avenue,  
AIRDRIE.

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] Helen Marshall

I enclose herewith the Report you requested in your telephone conversation with Mr. Edwards, Senior Social Worker, this morning. This is an urgent problem and I appreciate your offer to consider the possibility of admitting these [REDACTED] girls to Arranview, Airdrie, if a Report is sent to you at once.

I hope that this furnishes you with all the information you require.

Yours sincerely,

Director of Social Work.

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5.12.74

11.12.74

16.12.74

26.12.74

27.12.74 Arranged for Helen [redacted] to come home for New Year holiday

29.12.74 Brought Helen [redacted] home [redacted] there

3.1.75 Home visit to Marshall family. [redacted] was drunk but might have accepted responsibility for children

5.1.75 Helen [redacted] went to Traungladdie with [redacted]

6.1.75 Took Helen [redacted] to meet [redacted] took them back to Durran

25.1.75 Evening visit with Dr. McLean as we had received reports that [redacted] was drunk when girls were home at the week-end

2/1/43

Shoes for the girls - <sup>15</sup> [redacted] did the purchasing. [redacted]

intends having a word with [redacted] [redacted] latest behaviour

on [redacted] return home.

6/11/43

Late Evening Visit 7.30pm [redacted] not at home from work. [redacted]

Hele [redacted] gone to church. Waited approx 1/4 hour. Said I would call again sometime. [redacted]

9/11/43

[redacted]

25/10/73  
Called to organize all the clothing for Miss  
Donaghy for the Marshall children  
4 pairs each-pants. 8 underslips (2 pair each) 8 socks (2 each) all  
new articles.

25/10/71  
Home visit to deliver clothing parcel no reply, left card.

31/10/73  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] very good with the children, helps Helen with her  
homework. Children all appear to have very much  
accepted [REDACTED] who is successful in her handling  
of the whole situation.

Met [REDACTED] Helen's teacher at the bus stop on my  
journey, Helen attends remedial classes periodically.  
An apparent gap in her educational ability but is trying  
hard. [REDACTED] promises to keep in touch with Helen's progress  
and is very interested in this child.

2/11/73  
Late Evening Visit 7.35 pm. [REDACTED] at home with  
the family viewing T.V. Informed [REDACTED] I had received  
word from St Andrew's Shandas that [REDACTED] would be  
gone on leave from 3rd - 4th November in view of this and  
new sessions came as a result of a new heating system  
installation. [REDACTED] expressed [REDACTED] gratitude to the  
Department for all the help given on behalf of [REDACTED] family.  
Stated [REDACTED] is trying [REDACTED] best to provide the basic  
requirements by degrees. Mentioned the purchase of 4 pairs of

3/10/73

4/10/4

5/10/4

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Home Situation:

[REDACTED]

At first, [REDACTED] Helen [REDACTED] were taken into care but in time a suitable house was found for them, where [REDACTED] could make a home for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], so a Home Help was arranged, who came in at 7 a.m. to get the girls up, give them breakfast and see them off to school. [REDACTED] came back to do the housework, shopping and washing and was there to give the girls their tea when they came home from school and waited till 6 p.m.

The Home Help [REDACTED] was excellent and strove to maintain a high standard in the house, but found difficulty in obtaining the full co-operation of [REDACTED] who, with [REDACTED] inexperience of domestic life, showed some lack of responsibility towards the care of the children.

[REDACTED] became frustrated because [REDACTED] efforts to leave everything ready for the next morning were undermined by the lack of supervision in the evenings. There were also times when [REDACTED] was late in returning from work. [REDACTED] would take the children to [REDACTED] own home, rather than leave them unattended. Although [REDACTED] became very fond of the children, [REDACTED] felt [REDACTED] could no longer continue to work in the situation where [REDACTED] was only responsible for part of the day but felt concern for the remainder of the time. [REDACTED] therefore resigned and was due to finish work there on 14.6.74.

No other home help was found who was willing to undertake these duties and when no vacancies were found for the girls last week, [REDACTED] agreed to stay for one more week but will definitely finish on 21.6.74.

[REDACTED]

This is a very closely-knit family which has already had to be split up considerably. We are anxious therefore to keep  
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Social Work Department,  
235 Dumbarton Road,  
Clydebank, G81 4RY.

18.6.74

ED/MC

and so concerned about the safety of the children that [REDACTED] does not feel [REDACTED] can carry on.

#### FOOD:

The quantity of food left to be prepared for the children is not sufficient and is badly lacking in variety and nutritional value. On one occasion when a visit was made at tea-time there was one tin of spaghetti and cheese and a small quantity of potato for the four girls. [REDACTED] does buy some groceries and leaves the receipt for [REDACTED] but [REDACTED] does not expect [REDACTED] to buy extra when [REDACTED] has left what [REDACTED] considers sufficient for their meal. [REDACTED] buys fruit for them [REDACTED] sometimes because none is ever provided.

#### CLOTHING:

Clothing was provided by the Department and [REDACTED] has begged clothing from [REDACTED] to replace it. The children badly need shoes, however and these should not be supplied second-hand. [REDACTED] has told [REDACTED] of this need and [REDACTED] has promised each week to buy them at the week-end. [REDACTED]

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

[REDACTED] has done nothing to add to the basic household requirements which were provided by the Department at the beginning of this project. [REDACTED] has to take sheets and towels home in the morning, wash and dry them and bring them back at night. There is no proper cleaning equipment and [REDACTED] repeated request for a lavatory brush has been ignored. [REDACTED] has also been unsuccessful in persuading [REDACTED] that for the proper training of the children toilet paper should be provided.

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When the children come home from school [REDACTED] gives them their tea and sees that their clothes and shoes are clean ready for school next day. On [REDACTED] return in the morning [REDACTED] often finds these dirty again and it is obvious that the children have not washed before going to bed. From the state of the sheets, [REDACTED] assumes they wear their dirty socks in bed, after being over the fields to the horses, and from the speed with which they dress in the morning, [REDACTED] suspects that they keep on most of their underwear.

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Reports from [REDACTED] suggest that far from having one night out, [REDACTED] is now seldom in in the evening.

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DANGER TO THE CHILDREN:

ASSESSMENT:

[REDACTED] has willingly been doing much more than the work for which [REDACTED] is being paid in order to make this project a success but [REDACTED] now feels that there is complete lack of co-operation from [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] is receiving no support from [REDACTED] in the management of the children.

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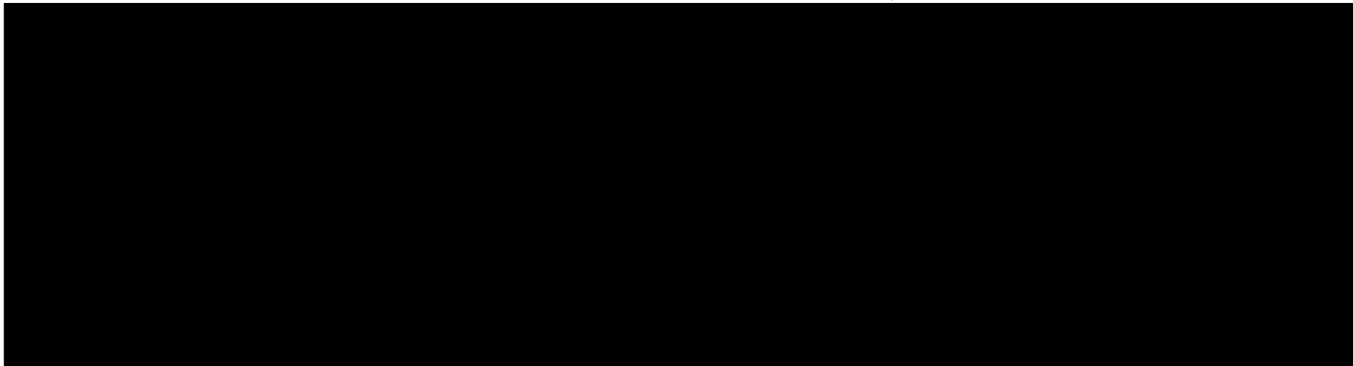
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Copy of School Report attached. Contacted St. Andrew's School - nothing further to add.



Helen (10) " " "

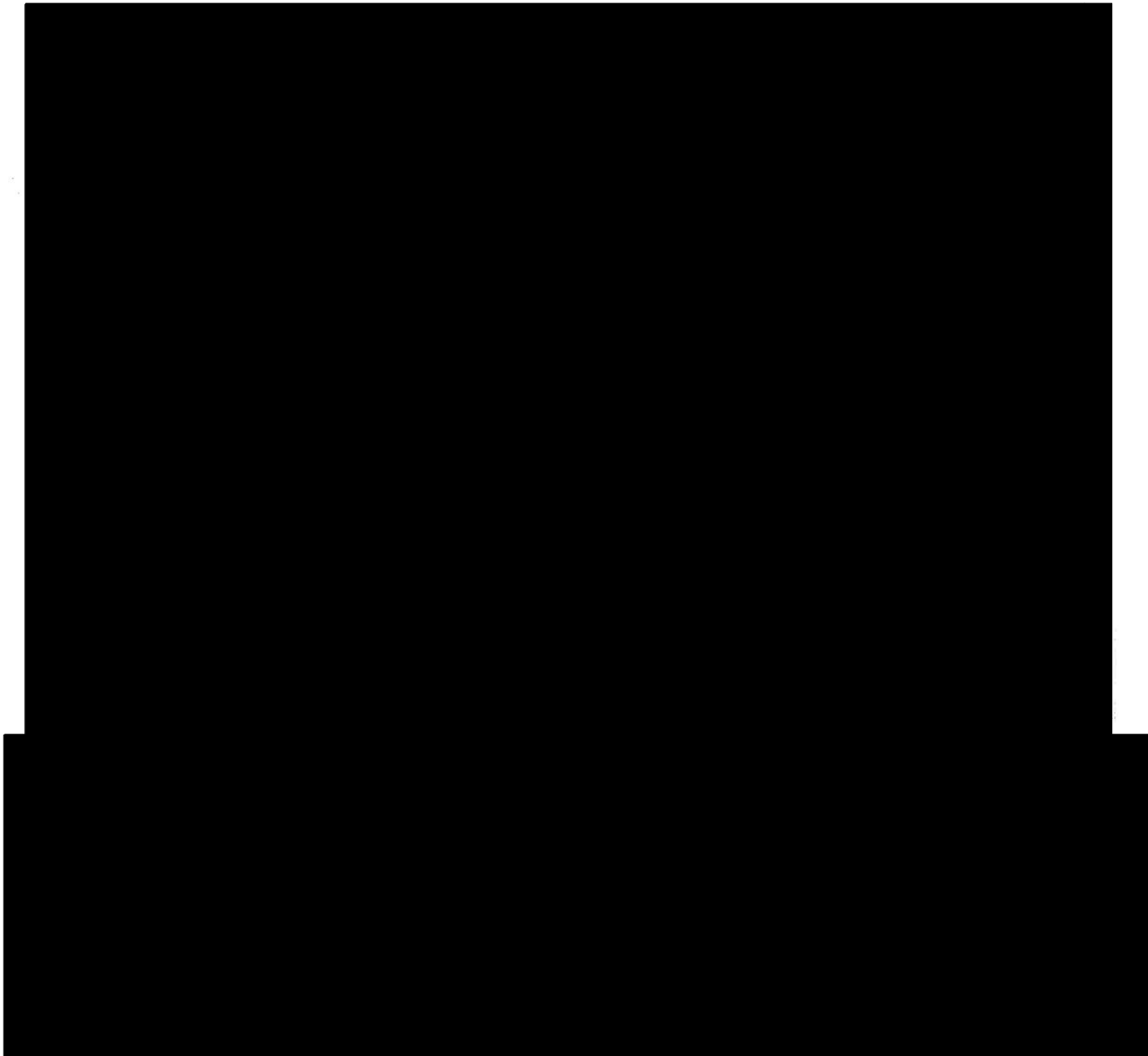


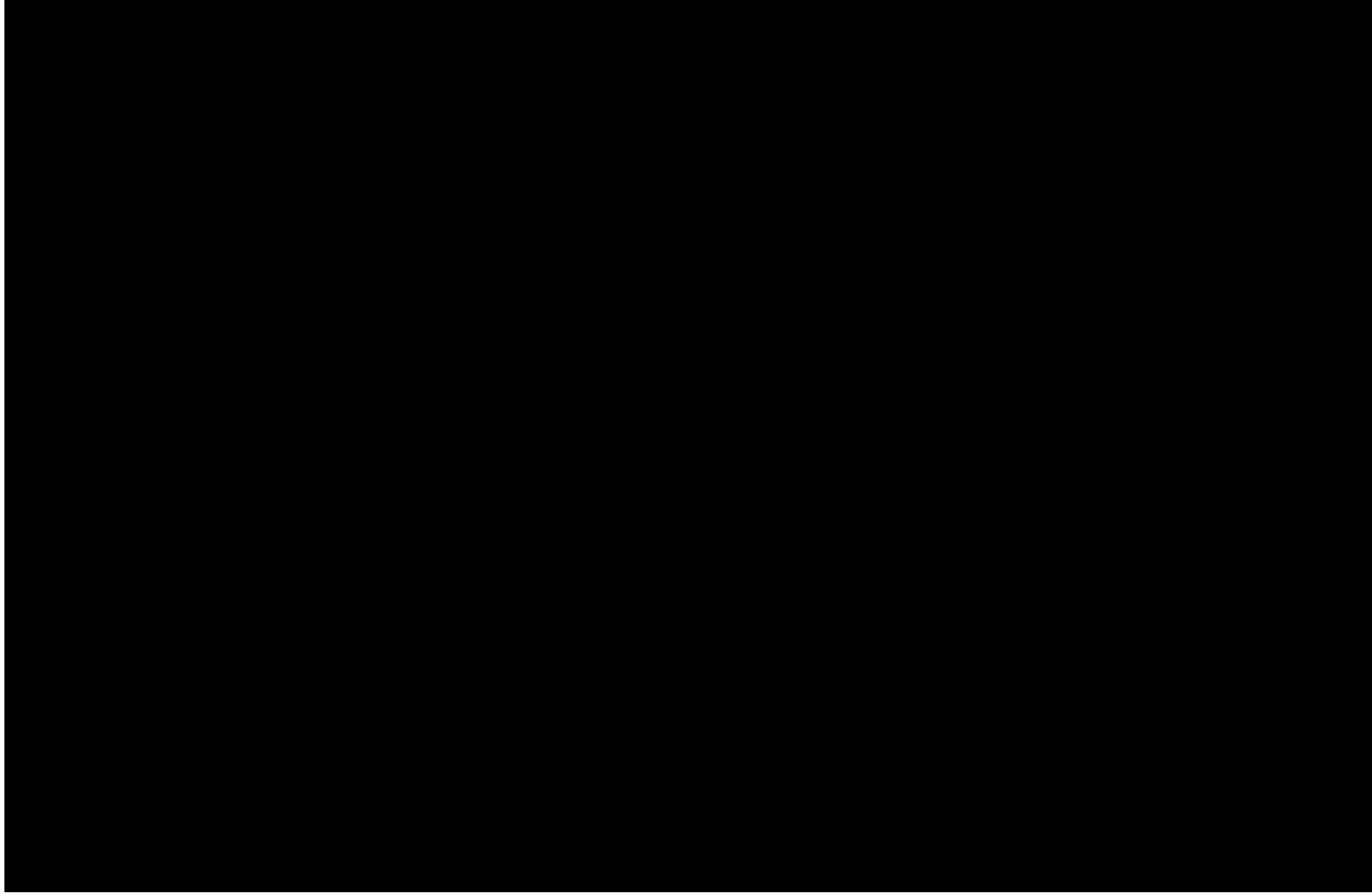
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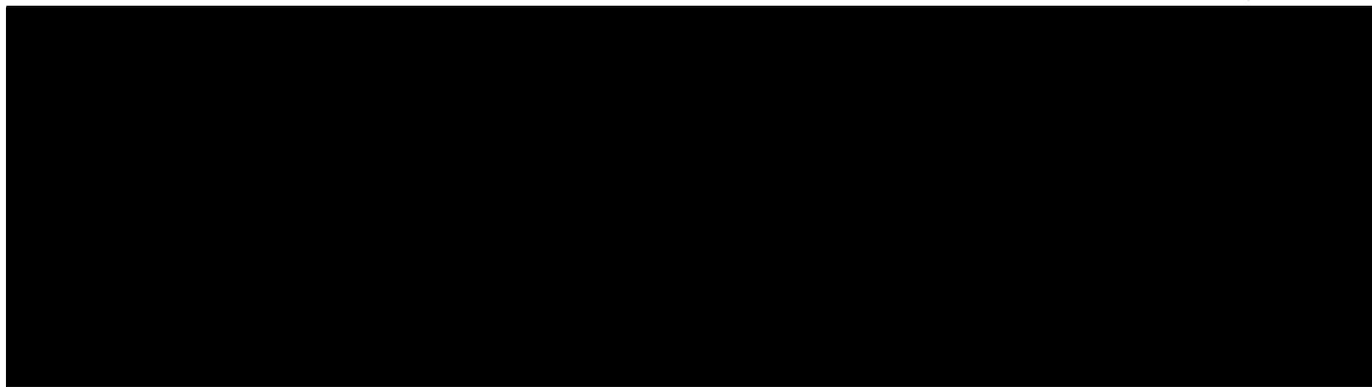
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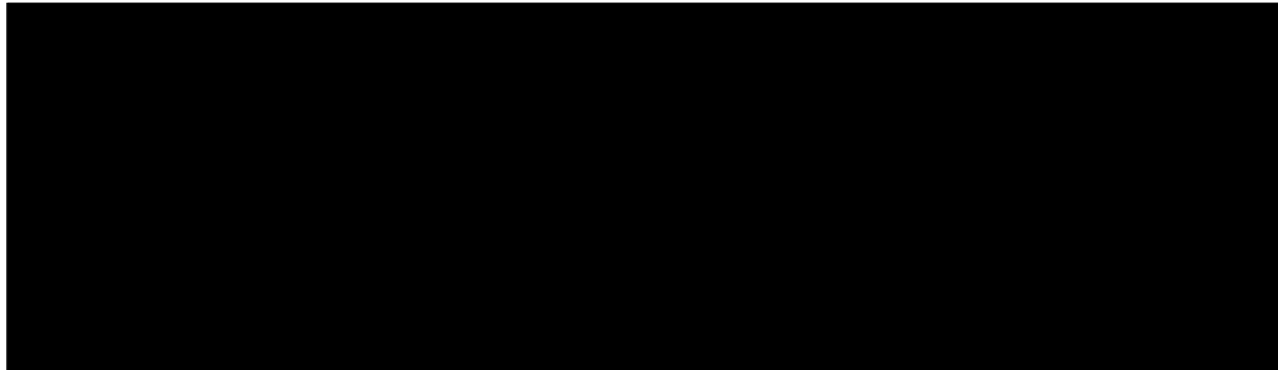
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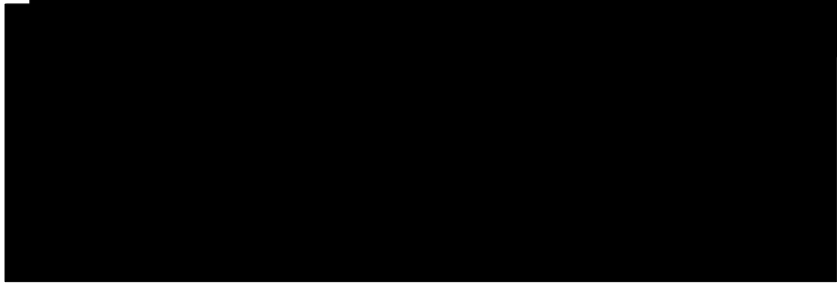
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NO. OF APARTMENTS..... NO. OF OCCUPANTS.....

ARE YOU ON HOUSING LIST..... IF NOT, WHY.....

*yes (7 years)*

4. DETAILS OF FAMILY

NAME D/B SCHOOL EMPLOYER ADDRESS

1. [REDACTED]  
2. [REDACTED]  
3. [REDACTED]

4. *Helen* *31.1.64* *..* *ST. JOSEPH'S* *..*

5. [REDACTED]  
6. [REDACTED]  
7. [REDACTED]  
8. [REDACTED]

9. ....  
10. ....  
11. ....  
12. ....

5. [REDACTED]

ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER..... EARNINGS.....

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE).....

IF CO-HABITING, GIVE DETAILS.....

ALLOWANCE .....  
TOTAL INCOME £17.18/- .....

8. PARTICULARS OF OUTLAYS


- 1. RENT £2. per week. ..... 9. ....
- 2. RATES £1. - - - ..... 10. ....
- 3. GAS — ..... 11. ....
- 4. ELECTRICITY office £2. per week ..... 12. ....
- 5. Coal £1. 6/- per week. ..... 13. ....
- 6. .... 14. ....
- 7. .... 15. ....
- 8. .... 16. ....

TOTAL OUTLAYS .....

9. FAMILY DOCTORS

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DETAILS OF CHRONIC ILLNESS OR DISABILITY

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
OF RELATIVES.....  
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CONVICTIONS (IF ANY).....  
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NAME OF SOLICITOR CONSULTED.....  
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NATIONAL INSURANCE AND OTHER NUMBERS.....  
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..... has completed Singh detailed report re number of  
residents & apartments .....

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Signature  .....

Date 9-10-69 .....

[REDACTED]

OFFENCE: [REDACTED]

PREVIOUS OFFENCES: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT:

[REDACTED]

FAMILY:

[REDACTED]

Helen Marshall

(10)

" " " "

[REDACTED]

Having/

PERSONAL HISTORY:

[REDACTED]

after the children for the six weeks [REDACTED] looked  
was in hospital and when [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The buildings in Kilbowie Road were being demolished and the Marshall  
family was moved to John Knox Street. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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and so concerned about the safety of the children that [redacted] does not feel [redacted] can carry on.

#### FOOD:

The quantity of food left to be prepared for the children is not sufficient and is badly lacking in variety and nutritional value. On one occasion when a visit was made at tea-time there was one tin of spaghetti and cheese and a small quantity of potato for the [redacted] girls. [redacted] does buy some groceries and leaves the receipt for [redacted] but [redacted] does not expect [redacted] to buy extra when [redacted] has left what [redacted] considers sufficient for their meal. [redacted] buys fruit for them [redacted] sometimes because none is ever provided.

#### CLOTHING:

Clothing was provided by the Department and [redacted] has begged clothing from [redacted] to replace it. The children badly need shoes, however and these should not be supplied second-hand. [redacted] has told [redacted] of this need and [redacted] has promised each week to buy them at the week-end. [redacted]

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

[redacted] has done nothing to add to the basic household requirements which were provided by the Department at the beginning of this project. [redacted] has to take sheets and towels home in the morning, wash and dry them and bring them back at night. There is no proper cleaning equipment and [redacted] repeated request for a lavatory brush has been ignored. [redacted] has also been unsuccessful in persuading [redacted] that for the proper training of the children toilet paper should be provided.

#### SUPERVISION OF THE CHILDREN:

When the children come home from school [redacted] gives them their tea and sees that their clothes and shoes are clean ready for school next day. On [redacted] return in the morning [redacted] often finds these dirty again and it is obvious that the children have not washed before going to bed. From the state of the sheets, [redacted] assumes they wear their dirty socks in bed, after being over the fields to the horses, and from the speed with which they dress in the morning, [redacted] suspects that they keep on most of their underwear.

Recently [redacted] Helen have been cheekily resentful of [redacted] instructions to put on clean clothes or hang up their coats, etc. /...

arrangement.

It has been stated that [REDACTED] has on several occasions been seen returning home on a Saturday morning between 8.0 - 8.30 a.m. presumably having spent the whole of Friday evening and night out.

Reports from [REDACTED] suggest that far from having one night out, [REDACTED] is now seldom in in the evening.

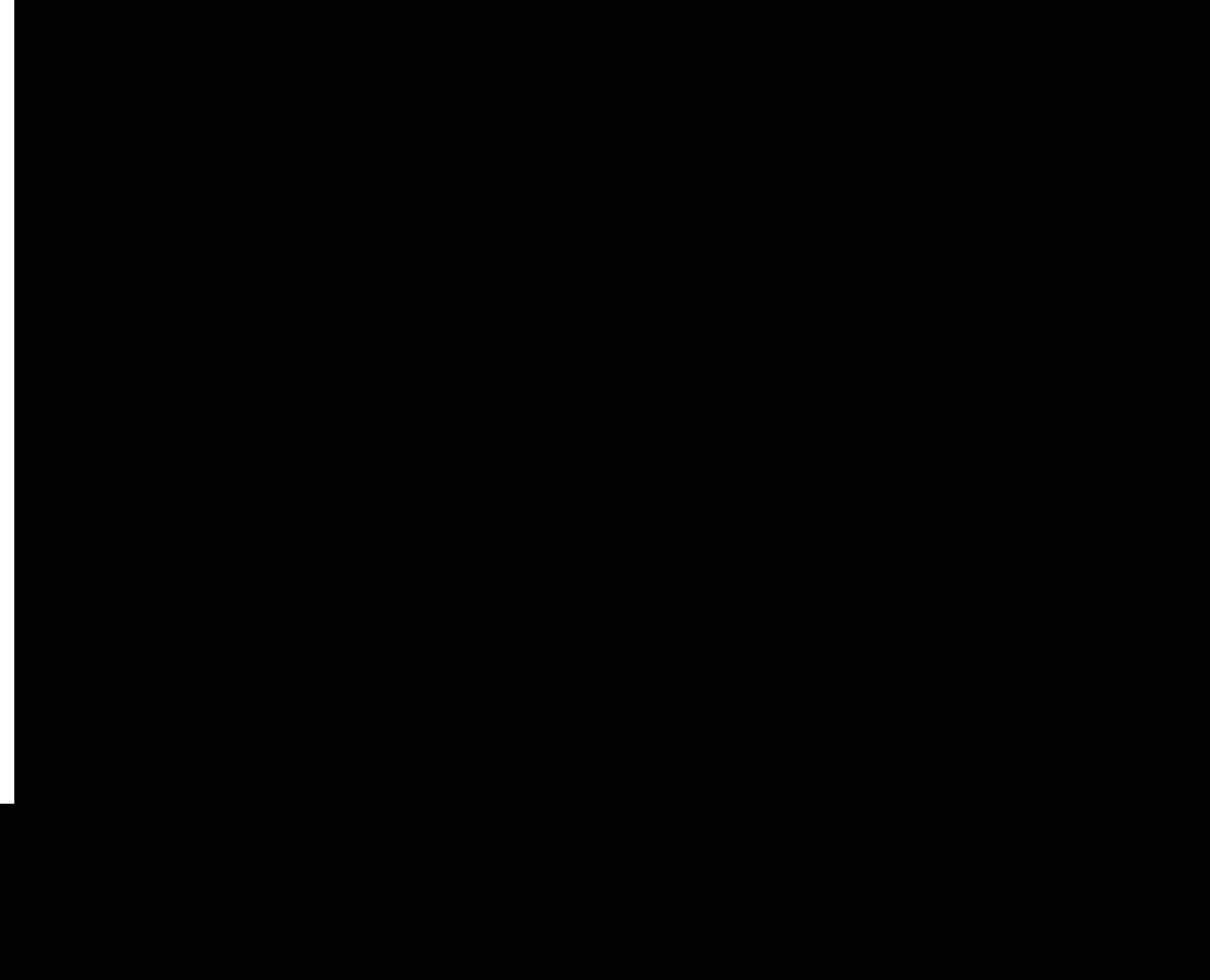
[REDACTED] who has been very tolerant, now complains that it is bedlam on a Friday night when presumably friends are invited in to the house because [REDACTED] is out. There are times when they cannot hear their television for the noise of the children [REDACTED]. It seems possible that because [REDACTED] realised the seriousness of the situation [REDACTED] has invited a 16 year old friend to be with them who is no more responsible than the Marshall children. Certainly it seems there is no adequate supervision. It is difficult to get a clear story because of the girls' covering-up for [REDACTED]



ASSESSMENT:

[REDACTED] has willingly been doing much more than the work for which [REDACTED] is being paid in order to make this project a success but [REDACTED] now feels that there is complete lack of co-operation from [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] is receiving no support from [REDACTED] in the management of the children.

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girls accidentally locked themselves out and had to go and spend the night with  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Another disturbing fact that I was told was that you do not leave food for the children and that they have been seen going to [REDACTED] for milk and eggs. In view of our long discussion the other evening and your assurance that you would leave money for [REDACTED] to buy food and put coins in the meter, I called on [REDACTED] to see if this had been done. I found that [REDACTED] had had to go out and buy food for the breakfast yesterday and, as there was no food in the house, had had to take them to [REDACTED] own home and give them their dinner there.

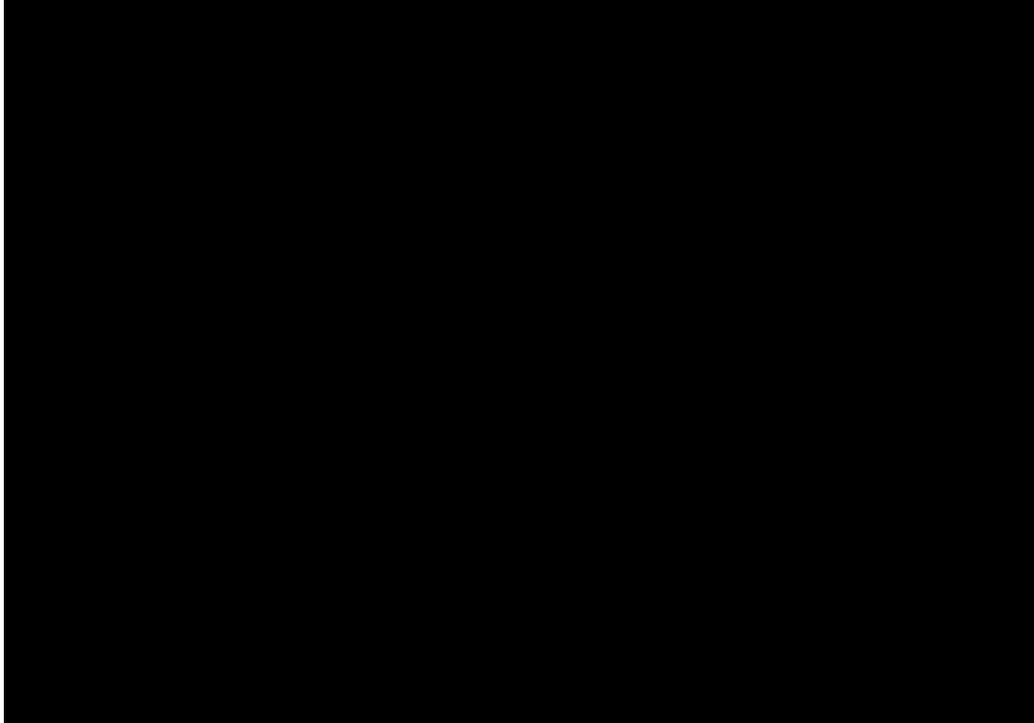
This state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue. It was obvious when I spoke to you that you understood it was your responsibility to see that there was money left regularly for [REDACTED] so that [REDACTED] did not have to buy food out of [REDACTED] own money and claim it from you afterwards, that you would provide clothing when necessary and that on no account would the girls be left on their own in the evening.

You have a very good family, the girls are happy to be at home with you and you are fortunate in having [REDACTED] who looks after them so well. I am sure that you see how important it is that you take your responsible place in the family group.

I will be coming to see you again, but I felt I must let you know right away the worrying reports I had heard.

Yours sincerely,

E. DAVIE (MISS)  
Social Worker.



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[REDACTED]

Meantime, Miss Ramsay proceeded to the family home at 84 John Knox Street, where the girls were located and, after some persuasion, opened the door. She and Mr. Graham, who accompanied her, escorted the children to Craigellachie to await [REDACTED] arrival home.

I, in the course of discussing matters with the children, attempted to persuade them to go to school to-day as failure could mean their removal from home. Neither child seemed over-concerned about this possibility.

On [REDACTED] arrival at this Department, I interviewed [REDACTED] for some time, during which we discussed all aspects and what I considered to be a serious deterioration in the case and, according to colleagues, in home conditions.

We also discussed the dangers during the period the children are left at home unsupervised. I put three proposals to [REDACTED]: -

- 1) That [REDACTED] make specific arrangements to have a woman fully cover the home during [REDACTED] absences at work;
- 2) that [REDACTED] give up [REDACTED] job and concentrate [REDACTED] full time and energy towards looking after the children and home;
- 3) or, asking this Department to receive the children into care.

[REDACTED] considered these alternatives for some time and indicated that [REDACTED] had left [REDACTED] with over £200 of debt and that [REDACTED] felt/....

in attendance, during which we again covered all aspects of the case. The outcome was that the third alternative of receiving the children into care was considered as being in the best interests all round, and [REDACTED] was delegated to find placements for the children.

25.1.73.

[REDACTED]  
Senior Social Worker