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DR. BARNARDO'S

Head Office: Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex

Application Register No.

AREA OFFICE

IMMUNISATION CONSENT

We are anxious to have your consent to various immunisations being carried out if felt to be necessary, and we shall be glad if you will sign below that you are agreeable to the following: Vaccination (smallpox); Diphtheria; Whooping-cough; B.C.G. (tuberculosis); Tetanus (lockjaw); Poliomyelitis; Measles.

Date

11.1.72

Signed

11.1.72

If any of the above treatment has already been carried out please give Christian name of child concerned, dates of treatment and the place at which it was given.

Vaccination (smallpox)

Yes

Glasgow

Diphtheria

Yes

Glasgow

Whooping-cough

Tetanus (lockjaw)

B.C.G. (tuberculosis)

Yes

Glasgow

Poliomyelitis

Yes

Glasgow

Measles

GATHERINE AND HAROLD
TANT

Mackenzie)
18.2.72. Home visit to Mrs. Tant)

Mrs. Mackenzie in with Rosemary, all children off school because of colds.

Spoke immediately of plans to move. Got the key to new house yesterday address: 6/5 Broomhouse, Medway, Top Flat.

This is a 4 apartment building and they are moving "so Harold can come and live with them". Mrs. Mackenzie said Mr. Tant would not have Harold back at house, but she would. She asked how long Harold would be at Winton Drive.

Brief discussion about furniture needed for new house. I said that as Mrs. Hossack knew them already, that it would probably be appropriate to contact her about our matters of concern re Winton Drive, and I was in contact with Mrs. Hossack.

(MISS C.M.H. AMORY)
Social Worker

CATHERINE AND HAROLD TANT - WINTON DRIVE.

1.3.72 Case conference.

Present:-

Miss P Leslie - Casework Consultant,
Ed. Social Work Department.

Mrs Hossack - Social Worker.
Miss Massey
Miss Amory.

Focus

To discuss comments coming from Harold and Catherine about Mr Tant's relationship with Jeanette.

Discussion

Mrs Hossack said Jeanette and Drina ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

Discussion also turned on the effects of taking any action on the other members of the family.

Decision

- 1) Nothing could be gained from prosecution. Only proof would be from Harold and Catherine - and damage to them would be too great.
- 2) Discussion to be continued at Winton Drive on March 20th at 9.30 am, after Jeanette and Drina's ----3rd Party Information----
- 3) Plan for Harold and Catherine to be looked at when appropriate.

MISS C A H AMORY
Social Worker

1st May 1972

Mrs Tant
6/1 Broomhouse Medway
EDINBURGH

Dear Mrs Tant

Thank you for your brief note pertaining to the request concerning your son Harold. I have forwarded on your request to the appropriate department as it is not in my power to say whether Harold can come home or not, but no doubt this will be discussed by those who are at present concerned with Harold's future as my wife and I are shortly leaving Glasgow to take up new appointments in the West of England. We shall miss Harold, Catherine and the other young people who have been in our care for some considerable years and hope that we shall still be in touch with them from time to time. Both Harold and Catherine are very well and appear to be enjoying life and school in general.

Yours sincerely

Superintendent

1st May, 1972

Mr Terence Tait
3/1 Broomhouse Gardens
West Broomhouse
EDINBURGH

Dear Mr Tait

In reply to your most welcome letter we are pleased to learn that you have acquired new premises of abode and will, no doubt, have by now settled in. Harold and Catherine are both well and enjoying life and will, no doubt, be paying you a visit in the near future. As you may already know, my wife and I are shortly to be posted to Plymouth and will, therefore, be breaking what has been for us a long association with Harold and Catherine and, of course, some of the other children who have lived with us for some number of years. We shall be sending stuff along with Catherine for Jeanette's baby when she comes. I cannot think of any more news just now so will close. Please give our fondest love to Jeanette and Drina. With every good wish, I remain

Yours sincerely

Superintendent

CATHERINE AND HAROLD TANT

16 5 72 PHONE CALL FROM MRS HOSSACK

Gave (Saturday) 20th as precise date of move. She has planned to see Mr and Mrs Tant.

NEW ADDRESSES:

MR TANT: 3/1 Broomhouse Gardens West.

MRS TANT: 6/5 Broomhouse Medway.

Will ring back if anything relevant. Will contact Blackford Brae and Tynholm when children have moved.

Thinks there may have to be another hearing - just a formality to change name and place of residence - will likely not require children to attend.

MISS C M H AMOBY
Social Worker

Our ref CMHA/SR

Your ref

9th June 1972

Mr Terence Tant
3/1 Broomhouse Gardens West
EDINBURGH

Dear Mr Tant

Thank you very much indeed for your letter, with the news about your recent move. It certainly can be a complicated procedure, but it sounds as if you are over the worst just now.

I myself have only seen Catherine and Harold once in their respective new situations, and this was very soon after they had left Winton Drive..

It seems an appropriate time to say that, regretfully, I won't be able to have such a close interest in Catherine and Harold, now that Winton Drive has closed down - but I will be in contact with Mrs Mossack and the Social Workers who are attached to Tynholm and Blackford Brae, Mrs Davie and Miss Kohn, and so will still be able to hear news of them.

Meanwhile, very best wishes in your new home.

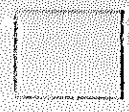
Yours sincerely

MISS C M H AMORY
SOCIAL WORKER

ANNUAL REVIEW FORM OF
CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Ref'd to _____
Ack. _____

If L.A. case, please tick and
submit extra copy.



Branch Tyneholm House Date of Review 30-1-73.

Name in full Harold Tant, Date of Birth 10-8-58.

..... Date of Admission 12-5-72.

1. Progress, personality and development of the child.

Harold is a moody boy, never ready to admit failure, but avoids being put to the test, approval seeking and demanding in attention, easily discouraged and resenting of authority, a lazy boy who avoids chores or jobs of work at every opportunity. He is at the point in time when he is seeking to identify with some one, at present identifying with the "Broomhouse Gang", in general ("Violence") conversation and in dress.

Within the Unit and Peer group this well built young man resorts to "Bullying" and likes to portray himself as the leader but this is not a fact. An aggressive boy whose aggression has to find a more structured outlet.

2. Health, including dental care.
(and date of last medical examination)

A physically well built young man though, healthy but rather lazy and inactive in his approach to life. He has not had any reason to attend for medical attention and keeps himself very clean and tidy.

Medical Examination : 22- 5- 72. Dental Examination : 5- 10- 72.

3. School

Harold's School performance has been below average, attendance has been good but application in class poor. At School Harold again identifies with the non-schoolastic gang element but miraculously avoids trouble.

4. Outside interests and contacts

Interested in most Sporting activities principally Boxing, Swimming and also in Pop Music. He boasts of many friends in "Gangs" but in reality he has no real friends or companions. Some small attraction to the opposite sex but again no real friendship develops.

5. Christian upbringing, Baptism, Confirmation.

6. Family contact and child's knowledge of background (A0250)

Harold is given the opportunity to visit his home every second weekend but he always finds some reason recently of avoiding it. On a recent visit he did not decide to go until he managed to get another boy to accompany him. From reports after visits he seems to remain indoors most of the time apart from running out for messages. He always returns to the unit around teatime, following just really an afternoon at home.

This boy is fully aware of the reason for being in care at present but has not yet come to understand why he was in care in the earlier part of his life.

7. Maintenance

8. Suitability for Boarding Out/Adoption/Migration

9. Recommendations

ANNUAL REVIEW AT TYNHOLE (HOME/SCHOOL)
DATE OF LAST REVIEW 1.3.68 DATE OF THIS REVIEW 30.1.73.

1. NAME OF CHILD: HAROLD ROBERT FORREST TAIT 2. D. of B.: 10.8.58 3. Religion: Protestant

4. DATE OF ADMISSION TO CARE: Winton Drive - 30.5.62 - 25.10.69 - re-admitted 10/3/71 - transferred to Tynhole 20/5/72.

5. REASON FOR ADMISSION TO CARE: Break-up of family - restoration unsuccessful.

6. NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL WORKER Mrs. A. Hosack 7. NAME OF DR. BARNARDO SOCIAL WORKER Mrs. A. Davis

8. FAMILY:
Father: 3/4 Bro mhouse Gardens East - Jeanette, Michelle and Drina
Mother: Present address unknown.
Rosemary } Janaan Lodge
Thomas }
Angela }
Catherine } Assessment Centre.

9. PLAN MADE AT LAST REVIEW

10. DATES OF CONTACTS BY SOCIAL WORKER WITH FAMILY:

11. VISITS OF CHILDREN TO (a) parents (b) others, since last Review (indicating frequency and length of stay):
Fortnightly visits to father - occasional week-ends.

12. VISITS OF PARENTS/RELATIVES SINCE LAST REVIEW (indicating frequency):
None.

13. BRIEF SUMMARY OF FAMILY SITUATION BY SOCIAL WORKER:
Mother at present homeless. Father has dubious moral code and has shown interest in family, but appears to lack responsibility for his family.

14. MAIN FOCUS OF REVIEW (decided upon at recent staff meeting in Home/School).

1. How to help Harold come to terms with home situation.
2. Focus on own individual achievement.
3. ?Contacts other than family.

SIGNATURE DATE

Copy to Mr. Nesbitt and Miss Hossack

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM REVIEW ON 30.1.73.

Staff Comments:-

Difficult to help Harold find identity and place in family. Tommy Swanston (Cousin) has come back in picture a little - used to figure largely as 'hero' figure. Peer Group identity is all important to Harold at present, especially in dress.

Adopts 'role' of bully, but is really very vulnerable - puts on air of bravado, but easily discouraged - becomes 'moody' cannot admit failure.

School: Placed in 'B' stream on recommendation from Knightswood School. Mr. Nesbitt queried this. Headmaster explained B4 is a very special 'gang' type group with poor concentration and academic potential.

Sports activities - Clumsy at football
- Good at swimming
- Very good at table tennis.

Miss Massey - Does he see himself as ever being at home. Has had only 18 months at home since infancy. Feels linked with Drina, Jeanette and Catherine.

Dave ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Discussion Rejection by parents therefore very vulnerable about own "acceptability". Needs to keep testing this out? Unsure of himself - place in family - in group.

Plan

1. Dr. Rogers be asked re re-assessment - with future jobs in mind.
2. Continue with Dave Galloway being the 'key' person and standing the aggression that comes from this.
3. Mrs. Hossack's replacement continue with casework meanwhile. Mother unlikely ever to have children home again.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

DR. BARNARDO'S

ANNUAL REVIEW FORM OF CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

If L.A. case, please tick and
submit extra copy.

Branch ... Tynholm House, Pencaitland Date of Review 29/1/74.

Name in full .. Harold Tent Date of Birth 19/8/58.

..... Date of Admission 12-5-72.

1. Progress, personality and development of the child.

Harold has made some steady progress in that he has accepted Tynholm, no longer see himself as "Broomhouse" but much less aggressive and anti-authority. Never ready to admit defeat, avoids being put to the test, approval seeking, avoids decisionmaking, has become rather untidy in general appearance, needs to be encouraged to wash. Feeling very insecure about his future, where will he work as a Mechanic, where will he live, does not wish to go to either Mother or Father. Harold is a lazy boy who avoids chores, spends very little time in the Home, occupies himself with his "Pal" tinkering about with Motor Cycles never really happy unless covered in Oil and Grease or in the saddle of his latest Motor Cycle.

2. Health, including dental care. (and date of last medical examination)

A physically well built young man whose general health remains very good, inclined to be lazy and inactive in his general approach to life.

Medical Exam: May 1973.

Dental Exam: December 1973.

3. School

A regular attender of School, Teachers report him as aggressive, anti-authority, the type of boy who is best out of Class helping the Janitor. Class work is therefore below average: Woodwork best subject.

One of those IS plus boys who is tolerating School for the extra year without getting anything out of it.

4. Outside interests and contacts

Interested in Two Youth Clubs particularly for the interest he has in Table Tennis and his Girlfriend.

He has a local friend, a boy of the same age and characteristics also keen interest in Motor Cycles.

5. Christian upbringing, Baptism, Confirmation.

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6. Family contact and child's knowledge of background (A0250)

Harold has had to be strongly encouraged to make contact with his family and does not wish to be visiting them. Recently we arranged a visit to his Mother's and he only spent an hour or so with her. On the same day Mother Harold and Siblings together with the Co-habitee visited Fathers.

7. Maintenance

8. Suitability for Boarding Out/Adoption/Migration

9. Recommendations

Plans for Harold on leaving School in June?.

Present.

Distribution

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Signature of

REVIEW REPORT

HAROLD TANT

29.1.74

Both Harold's and my contact with the family has been minimal.

Mr Tant has large rent arrears and will probably soon be rehoused. Catherine has returned from Tyne Park is living with father and is unemployed but Andrena has moved out with her baby to a house of her own. Generally, though, I got the impression that the house was a meeting place with a lot of coming and going but with nobody really bothering about anybody else. There was little interaction between the members of the family and Mr Tant does nothing to stimulate this. He spends most of his time in bed and makes no effort to see his children, leaving all the initiative to them, this includes Harold.

Initially, Mrs Tant showed more interest in Harold but this was only relative to her husband's interest and after the first meeting between mother and son she failed to keep her appointment with me.

Although divorced, Mr and Mrs Tant see each other regularly each week and she is even trying to be rehoused next door to him.

Although neither parents bothers much about Harold my impressions is that this is not a deliberate rejection of the boy but more that it is typical of their pattern of relationships, and that their attitude is the same towards all the family. Bearing in mind that Harold will be leaving school in the summer, I feel that his tendencies towards laziness would be encouraged if he were to live at home immediately. All the initiative will probably have to come from him, though, if he is going to maintain even minimal contact and knowledge of the whereabouts of the family.

MISS C WAITE
SOCIAL WORKER.



Barnardo's

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SCHOOL REPORT

HAROLD TANT

	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Diligence</u>
ENGLISH	C	FG
HISTORY	C	G
GEOGRAPHY	D	FG
MODERN STUDIES	D	G
MATHEMATICS	D	FG
ART	C	G
PHYSICS	E	FG
CHEMISTRY	E	FG
WOODWORK	B	
ABSENCES	<u>6 out of 162.</u>	

Harold Tant: D. of B. IO -3 -58.

REVIEW NOTES. 29 -I -74.

D. Galloway: I have a very strong feeling that Harold has just began to accept Tynholm. He has many insecure feelings about his future. What will happen when he leaves School. Where will he stay. What will he work at?. Harold has a Girlfriend and I feel that she has helped him more than we have noticed. How much Harold depends on her is hard to say but I wonder if it is too much. Harold still has difficulty making decisions and carrying them out. For all that I find him a very pleasant person with a lot of thought for others.

M. Pottinger: A square peg in a round hole, slides past reality.

HAROLD TANT

24.1.74

Telephoned Victoria Street re representative to attend Harold's Review.

The case has not yet been reallocated - likely to be in the next fortnight. Agreed that we would postpone the Review for 2 weeks approximately, and arrange a Review which Miss Ross and her successor could attend.

Said we would be in touch with them re dates.

MRS. R. MITCHELL
Senior Social Worker.

MM/MG



Dr. Bernard's Scottish Divisional Office,
22 Drumshaugh Gardens, Edinburgh. EH3 7AP
Telephone 031-226 2306

C.C. Miss Ross,
Edinburgh S.W. Dept.
Mr. Newbitt.

HAROLD TANT

SUMMARY OF REVIEW - 29.1.74

Has girl-friend, who comes to Tyneholm occasionally - shy, pleasant girl.
Quite a strong relationship with her.

Uses regression to work out at Tyneholm problems which he didn't work
through at Winton Drive.

Sees future as staying in Unit, and eventually getting a wee room of his own.
Not anticipating returning to Father.

Family has a feeling of its members "passing through". Father never visits
his children - but welcomes them when they visit him.

Apprenticeship? Not too much academic pressure on him. Very interested
in motor bikes - job in garage?

When Harold joined the Review, he indicated fairly definitely that he would
like to live in the Hostel at Tyneholm for a while, and work as a painter in
Edinburgh.

PLAN:

- (1) Harold to remain in Tyneholm - living in Hostel (from July to September);
- (2) To move into accommodation in Edinburgh at end of this period;
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family situation, and reality of what Harold can expect from his
family during this period.

MRS. M. MITCHELL
Senior Social Worker.

MM/MG
25.3.74.

RESIDENTIAL STAFF REPORTREVIEWDate of Review: 12th November, '74 Time:Unit: TyneholmChild(ren) to be ReviewedDate of BirthDate admitted
into CareAct &
Section

Harold Tant

10.8.58.

19.5.72.

Responsible Local Authority: Edinburgh Social Work DepartmentREPORTS OF RESIDENTIAL STAFF1. Progress Report from Unit

General progress since last review; observations of personality, emotional and social development; person and group relationship, description of play and for leisure time; outside interests and contacts. Christian Upbringing.

Team A.(1) Physical.

Big build and overweight.

(2) General Behaviour.

At times he can be very boisterous and arrogant. He likes to 'call the tune', although he won't accept the responsibility that goes with growing up. Lazy. Humorous. Bully. Boastful of his exploits in gang warfare.

(3) Hygiene.

Very poor. Lazy about bathing and changing his clothes. Doesn't put any effort into the cleaning and up-keep of the Unit.

(4) Leisure Pursuits.

Very interested in engines and motor bikes. Girlfriend. Music.

(5) Relationships with Peers.

Acts the "big tough" or the "hard guy" (i.e. John Wayne) when he comes into the house. Not a particularly popular person with the group. Sandy ---3rd Party is very fond of him and Rab is kind to him. Billy possibly his best friend in Tyneholm. Makes life miserable for Andrew down at the Unit by bossing him and using him.

(6) Relationships with Staff.

In Rab's eyes we're here to do his chores. Relationships with staff are rather superficial.

Team B.

Peers.

Very popular, but has difficulty controlling visits to the Unit by his friends. He can use his weight to his advantage, but also enjoys a rough and tumble with the younger boys. Protective towards the girls in the house. Often frustrated by Andrew ---3rd Party --- meticulousness about the Unit - this leading to friction between the two.

Adults.

Disrespectful - lost his job locally through this attitude, but can be pleasant and entertaining, trying hard to please. Protective towards female staff if they are being threatened by members of the group. Enjoyable company on the whole. Occasionally likes a bit of mothering - hairwash, etc. - but won't openly admit it.

Personal

Manages to function at Unit, getting up for his job, etc., cares little about personal hygiene and the state of his clothing and bedding. Plenty of outside interests - youth clubs, discos and girlfriend of over a year, more or less. Interest shown in motor bikes and cars.

Future.

This move to Unit has proved he can fend for himself - after a fashion, and we feel when he was found the recent job he should overcome any difficulties that arise, e.g. - long hours and early rises which his present job entails. Has the motivation to find employment. Greatest difficulty will be however, to tolerate those with whom he will be working.

2. Development of Family & Community Relationships

Involvement with family; dates of visit by and to family; holiday arrangements, specific social contacts.

Harold has never been a boy who craved for contact with his own family and expresses quite strongly his wish to be independent of them. Occasionally he asks if I have heard anything about his family but this is on very rare occasions.

He has not been in contact with them since early in July and on that occasion he returned very angry because someone in the household stole three pounds from his jacket pocket.

Harold still has the same girlfriend from his School days and he also has one or two regular friends in the local community who have the same interests as himself i.e. motor-cycles and cars.

Educational Progress

Summary of latest School Reports; Up to date Teachers Report.

Left School June 1974.

Health

General health, date of last medical check, dental care and any treatment proposed or being carried out; physical growth; habits e.g. eating, sleeping, Cleanliness, Continenoe.

Harold in a big built young man carrying some excess weight, has a fine healthy, fresh complection. In general a very untidy boy in habits, cleanliness, clothing or sleeping arrangements. He is not a big eater despite his size, it is again a case of eating the wrong kinds of food i.e. bread and sweetmeatsetc.

Medical Examination: 2/2/74.

Dental Examination: 3/12/73.
Dental Treatment January/Feburary/March.

Points of Discussion at Review

Harold has been in our Adolescent Unit for the past 5 months he has made good use of it in that he has achieved a great deal of independence and with a fair amount of Self-control. His present employment is in Edinburgh and it is felt that he should be helped at this point in time to move out further from Tyneholm and gain a little experience of inter-dependance in "digs" i.e. we go around at specific times collecting his bits and pieces and he finds it easy to fall back and be dependant.

Signature of Head of Unit *John Macdonald*
Designation *Superintendent* Date *30th October 1974*

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

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REVIEW SUMMARYREVIEWDate of Review 12.11.74TimeUnit: Tynholm.Child(ren) to be ReviewedDate of BirthDate admitted
into CareAct and
Section

Harold Tant

10.8.58

19.5.73

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Comments from last 6 Monthly Report
or Plans made at last Case Conference

Date:Date:

Plans from Current Review 12.11.74

Long term plan and ways to progress to this, any action to be taken and by whom.

1. Harold able to stay in Hostel Unit until Easter.
2. During this period he is helped to decide:-
 - a) where he makes his next base Edinburgh? Pencaitland?
 - b) whether it is a hostel/landlady.
3. Miss Sinclair will enquire about Barony Hostel and also any landladies in Edinburgh (our experience of landladies in East Lothian has been of their non-existence!)

Present at Review

Designation

Pre-Review Papers
sent to /

Post Review Summary
to be sent to /

Signature of Chariman of Reviw *[Signature]*

Designation: Assistant Children's Officer (R)

Date: 12.12.74

HAROLD TANT

Annual Review 12.11.74

Residential staff raised the question of whether Harold was really past the optimum time for remaining in the Unit. He was beginning to show great dependency in the Main House. Some discussion as to this being:-

- a) a necessary part of growing up.
- b) Part of progress that he is able to express feelings and then return to hostel.
- c) Aggressiveness is O.K. to those who know him but might not be acceptable outside to a landlady. Aggressive but also affectionate.
- d) Managing his money a little better, but John Nesbitt keeping strong tabs on this.

Work Lost job at garage - now employed a warehouseman/porter with a furniture firm in Edinburgh - away from 6.45 a.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Social Worker Failed appointment with Miss Sinclair in town.

Family Miss Sinclair hoping to make link soon with family. Harold has not been in touch with family recently.

Harold refused to come in and join Review, feeling he had been kept waiting too long.

Group agreed to his remaining for a further period (see plan).

Miss S.A. Massey,
Assistant Children's Officer, Residential.

cc. Tyneholm.

BRISTOL SOCIAL-ADJUSTMENT GUIDES—No. 3

THE CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

(For the Observations of Day-School Children, 5-15 years under Residential Conditions).

Prepared by D. H. Stott, Ph.D. and Miss E. G. Sykes,
Institute of Education, University of Bristol.

The object of this Guide is to give a picture of the child's behaviour and character, and to help in the detection of emotional instability.

METHOD OF USE

Underline in ink the phrases which describe the child's behaviour or attitudes over the past month or so. If any feature is very marked, underline twice. More than one item may be underlined in each paragraph, but do not underline any unless definitely true of the child. Add any remarks necessary beside the underlining, or at the end of the Guide. Where an item seems inappropriate because of sex, age, etc., it can be ignored. If nothing is applicable mark 'n.n.' (nothing noticeable). Do not bother to *rule* underlinings.Name HILLIARD MALE Sex.....Age 11 Date of this record 18/12/52Name of Observer H. G. SykesSchool H. N. C. U. S. W. O. O. S.

ATTITUDES TO STAFF

Affection:

Accepts, gives affection freely (all adults)/ one only/ always 'coming for love'/ demonstrative ('all over people')/ easily upset/ wants a lot of love but sometimes sulks or gets jealous/ undemonstrative (wants but does not easily show affection)/ shrinks from any affectionate approach (won't hold hands; walk beside adult, etc.).

*Friendliness:*Friendly, natural/ unresponsive, cold, deep ('you don't know how to take him')/ quite cut off from people/ very variable.Gives presents, flowers, etc.—at every opportunity/ often/ sometimes/ never.*Talkativeness:*Normally talkative (may open conversation)/ sometimes talkative, sometimes moody/ tires people with constant chatter/ quiet, shy (does not make first approach)/ guarded, on the defensive (doesn't say more than necessary)/ will talk but mostly to one adult alone/ avoids talking to all adults but talks freely to other children/ only gives half his mind and tries to get away.*Helping adults:*Does what he is asked to do/ always keen to help/ helpful when in the mood/ shy of offering but pleased when asked/ never puts himself out for anyone; avoids helping, shirks, lazy.

Does jobs conscientiously/ scatterbrain (forgets simple routine); slipshod, unreliable, happy-go-lucky/ has stupid moods/ has stubborn moods when he seems to do things purposely wrong/ gets worried over doing it wrong.

*Temperament:*Often depressed (fed up with life)/ often irritable ('gets out of bed the wrong side')/ has bad moods/ sullen (seldom or never smiles)/ overcheerful, feckless, irresponsible outbursts/ even temperament.*Truth, honesty:*Always truthful; tells lies mainly to avoid rebuke/ sometimes a fluent liar/ habitual slick liar; has no compunction about lying/ tells fantastic yarns. Honest with things/ has pilfered (food, money, valued objects)—frequently/once or twice/never. Obtains things from other children by unscrupulous transactions.*Confidence in people:*Assumes he will be well received/ very shy of asking favours/ cannot believe people care about him/ tries to get round adults; expects privileges/ takes undue advantage of sympathy or kindness/treats lenience as weakness/says people are down on him/ aloof, distant/ like a suspicious animal/ overtrusting with strangers.

Liking for sympathy:

Appreciates sympathy/ sorry for himself, likes to excite pity/ complains of headaches, pains, etc. which he soon forgets/ develops a nervous or physical incapacity (stiff or fixed limb, queer walk)/ plays the martyr; imposes hardship on himself/ suicidal talk, gestures or attempts/ does not turn to adult when ill or hurt as other children do.

Attitude to correction:

Normal dislike/ defiant silence/ can be rude, defiant/ screams and temper (becomes abusive, says he hates people)/ gets violent and uncontrolled/ shuts himself in room; runs off/ remains unrepentant; never thinks afterwards that he has done any wrong/ apparent unconcern ('punishment doesn't touch him')/ plays the hero (is insubordinate before other children)/ needs continual correction over small matters.

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Self-help:

Eager to do things for himself/ pretends inability to do things, seems to 'play daft' / 'helpless' (wants help with dressing, etc.); likes to be treated as a much younger child/ likes help, but refuses it when in a bad mood.

RELATIVES, ETC.

Who are the nearest relatives he knows of?..... Mother, Father, Sisters, Brother &

How often do they visit?..... Not at all

Does he/she ever fail to turn up when expected?..... ---

Does he/she remember birthdays, Christmas, and bring presents, etc., regularly?..... No

Does he/she write regularly?..... Sister & father writes about once a month

Do letters contain insincere promises?..... No

Does he/she talk irresponsibly of having child home again?..... No

Does he/she display affection for child?..... No

Child's attitude to relative: Hostile
Affectionate/ suspicious, uncertain/ shy/ casual/ boisterous/ excuses for relative's neglect

Child's attitude to coming visit: Nil
Eager/ anxious/ excited/ unconcerned, only interested in getting presents, being taken out, etc.

Does any other adult visit and show interest in child? If so, who and how frequently?..... Yes
Elsbeth Atwell - quite frequently

ATTITUDES TO OTHER CHILDREN

Companionship:

Solitary (plays, wanders off alone)/ a good mixer/ over anxious to be in with the gang, easily led/ has one bosom friend only/ makes up to new children/ prefers animals to people.

Ways with other children:

Good-natured/ selfish, scheming/ likes seeing others in trouble/ disturbs others' games; molests, pushes about, punches; likes frightening and pranks/ hostile (makes nasty remarks); a central figure in any quarrel/ nasty to those outside own set; cold-blooded bullying, cruelty (likes hurting)/ likes to play the man(woman) of the world.

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Liking the limelight:

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PERSONAL WAYS

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Team-games:

Participates steadily/ rushes about madly/ loses interest/ sluggish, lethargic/ shrinks from active play/ too dreamy and distracted to take part. Good sportsman/ selfish (plays for himself only)/ plays to the gallery.

Degree of ability at above games.....Fair.....

Pastimes and hobbies:

Has constructive pastimes (sewing, knitting, woodwork, gardening)/ does not know what to do with himself, cannot stick at anything/ varies with mood/ has no such interests. Attempts difficult tasks, has high standard/ likes things easy; shirks difficulties, impatient, slap-dash.

Degree of practical or manual ability.....Fair.....

Informal activity:

Overactive, restless (flits from one thing to another)/ cannot sit quietly with a book or when read to/ very noisy compared with others/ lacks energy, placid, stolid, listless/ varies from day to day/ plays childish games for his age/ n.n.

Possessions:

Looks after toys, books/ destructive with toys, etc. Makes collections (apart from popular crazes)/ hoards rubbish/ does not value possessions.

Everyday ability:

Can/ cannot do everyday things for his age (dressing, tying shoes, making bed, washing). Does/ does not, know right foot or hand. Can/ cannot reckon money. Can keep his end up mentally with others (swapping, buying and selling, scoring at games)/ gets cheated, fooled. Regarded by other children as clever/ 'dopy' (gets jeered at for silliness). Surprises by occasional 'flashes' above his supposed intelligence (exceptional memory, ability, intelligent remarks, etc.).

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Bright/ average/ rather backward/ very backward. Does not fit in at school (complaints from teacher). Has truanted. Has got into trouble to and from school/ n.n.

- Abnormal fears:** In boxing, fighting/ terrified of dark, thunder/ of wasps, mice, worms, animals/ of dental or medical treatment (having splinters removed, etc.)/ very scared of being left alone/ n.n.
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- Speech:** Stutters, halts (can't get some words out). Thick, indistinct/ rapid, jumbled. Babyish (mispronounces simple words). Continually giggling. n.n.
- Eyes:** Dull, listless/ unresponsive (doesn't seem to notice you)/ cannot look you in the face/ looks from under brows/ restless, uncertain glance/ bright, twinkling eyes. Blinking. n.n.
- Fantasies:** Imagines himself being cruel to people. Imagines he will be harmed, kidnapped, deserted (have no one to look after him), etc. Has fantasies of being someone big or doing something grand. n.n.
- Vulgarity:** Bad language. Vulgar stories or drawings, dirty habits, likes shocking people. n.n.
- Sexual development:** Early/ delayed development. Abnormality.
Boys: Girlish, prefers girls as playmates. Keen on girls/ won't have anything to do with girls/ n.n.
Girls: Tom-boyish, prefers boys as playmates. Keen on boys/ won't have anything to do with boys/ n.n.
- Sleep:** Sound, peaceful sleeper/ restless (makes bedclothes untidy). Worried expression in sleep, teeth grinding, head bumping or rolling. Unusual position (head covered, body curled up). Hard to wake in morning. Talking/ shouting, groaning, screaming. Walking.
 Bed-wetting (how often?) Nil

PHYSIQUE

- General health:** Poor breathing, chesty; tonsillitis, catarrh; frequent colds; running nose; running ears; periodic high temperatures; stomach disorders; sore, red eyes; headaches; bad turns, fits (goes pale); nose bleeding; very cold hands; skin troubles, sores/ good health. Very bad teeth, wholesale extractions.
- Physical defects:** Squint; bulging eyes; other eye or sight defect Nil
 Always been very/ partly deaf; sometimes develops deafness. Deformity. Very fat. Abnormal sweating. Gawky (bad co-ordination); contorted features (face screwed up on one side, eye half closed, etc.); holds limb or body in unnatural posture.
- General Appearance:** Attractive/ ordinary/ not so attractive as most/ has some abnormal feature.
 Size for age: tall/ ordinary/ small/ diminutive.
- Face:** Very pale/ healthy colour/ high flush. Worried expression; puckered brow.
Anything special about this child which is not covered in the form:

We do not have facilities for Harold to release his excess energy.



BRISTOL SOCIAL-ADJUSTMENT GUIDES—No. 3

THE CHILD IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

(For the Observations of Day-School Children, 5-15 years under Residential Conditions).

Prepared by D. H. Stott, Ph.D. and Miss E. G. Sykes,
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The object of this Guide is to give a picture of the child's behaviour and character, and to help in the detection of emotional instability.

METHOD OF USE

Underline in ink the phrases which describe the child's behaviour or attitudes over the past month or so. If any feature is very marked, underline twice. More than one item may be underlined in each paragraph, but do not underline any unless definitely true of the child. Add any remarks necessary beside the underlining, or at the end of the Guide. Where an item seems inappropriate because of sex, age, etc., it can be ignored. If nothing is applicable mark 'n.n.' (nothing noticeable). Do not bother to *rule* underlinings.

Name Harold Tank Sex M.Age 10.8.58 Date of this record 3rd June '68Name of Observer D. F. Thompson (MARR)School Kelvedale Primary School

ATTITUDES TO STAFF

Affection:

Accepts, gives affection freely (all adults)/ one only/ always 'coming for love'/ demonstrative ('all over people')/ easily upset/ wants a lot of love but sometimes sulks or gets jealous/ undemonstrative (wants but does not easily show affection)/ shrinks from any affectionate approach (won't hold hands; walk beside adult, etc.).

Friendliness:

Friendly, natural/ unresponsive, cold, deep ('you don't know how to take him')/ quite cut off from people/ very variable.

Gives presents, flowers, etc.—at every opportunity/ often/ sometimes/ never.

Talkativeness:

Normally talkative (may open conversation)/ sometimes talkative, sometimes moody/ tires people with constant chatter/ quiet, shy (does not make first approach)/ guarded, on the defensive (doesn't say more than necessary)/ will talk but mostly to one adult alone/ avoids talking to all adults but talks freely to other children/ only gives half his mind and tries to get away.

Helping adults:

Does what he is asked to do/ always keen to help/ helpful when in the mood/ shy of offering but pleased when asked/ never puts himself out for anyone; avoids helping, shirks, lazy.

Does jobs conscientiously/ scatterbrain (forgets simple routine); slipshod, unreliable, happy-go-lucky/ has stupid moods/ has stubborn moods when he seems to do things purposely wrong/ gets worried over doing it wrong.

Temperament:

Often depressed (fed up with life)/ often irritable ('gets out of bed the wrong side')/ has bad moods/ sullen (seldom or never smiles)/ overcheerful, feckless, irresponsible outbursts/ even temperament.

Truth, honesty:

Always truthful; tells lies mainly to avoid rebuke/ sometimes a fluent liar/ habitual slick liar; has no compunction about lying/ tells fantastic yarns. Honest with things/ has pilfered (food, money, valued objects)—frequently/once or twice/never. Obtains things from other children by unscrupulous transactions.

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Assumes he will be well received/ very shy of asking favours/ cannot believe people care about him/ tries to get round adults; expects privileges/ takes undue advantage of sympathy or kindness/treats lenience as weakness/says people are down on him/ aloof, distant/ like a suspicious animal/ overtrusting with strangers.

Liking for sympathy:

Appreciates sympathy/ sorry for himself, likes to excite pity/ complains of headaches, pains, etc. which he soon forgets/ develops a nervous or physical incapacity (stiff or fixed limb, queer walk)/ plays the martyr; imposes hardship on himself/ suicidal talk, gestures or attempts/ does not turn to adult when ill or hurt as other children do.

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Normal dislike/ defiant silence/ can be rude, defiant/ screams and temper (becomes abusive, says he hates people)/ gets violent and uncontrolled/ shuts himself in room; runs off/ remains unrepentant; never thinks afterwards that he has done any wrong/ apparent unconcern ("punishment doesn't touch him")/ plays the hero (is insubordinate before other children)/ needs continual correction over small matters.

Attracting attention of adults:

Appreciates individual attention/ makes sure he is noticed/ tries to monopolize adult; angles for praise/ put out if he can't get attention/ is a nuisance when adult is busy with other child/ wants adult interest but cannot put himself forward/ unconcerned about adult approval ("couldn't care less")/ lives in a world of his own.

Self-help:

Eager to do things for himself/ pretends inability to do things, seems to 'play daft'/'helpless' (wants help with dressing, etc.); likes to be treated as a much younger child/ likes help, but refuses it when in a bad mood.

RELATIVES, ETC.

Who are the nearest relatives he knows of? Mother, Father

How often do they visit? Mother - NIL. Father - Very Rare.

Does he/she ever fail to turn up when expected? YES.

Does he/she remember birthdays, Christmas, and bring presents, etc., regularly? Father does.

Does he/she write regularly? Mother - NIL. Father - Not so frequently now.

Do letters contain insincere promises? YES.

Does he/she talk irresponsibly of having child home again? YES.

Does he/she display affection for child? Mother NIL. Father - Doesn't appear to.

Child's attitude to relative:

Affectionate/ suspicious, uncertain/ shy/ casual/ boisterous/ excuses for relative's neglect.

Child's attitude to coming visit:

Eager/ anxious/ excited/ unconcerned, only interested in getting presents, being taken out, etc.

Does any other adult visit and show interest in child? If so, who and how frequently? Mrs Graham. Fairly frequent.

ATTITUDES TO OTHER CHILDREN

Companionship:

Solitary (plays, wanders off alone)/ a good mixer/ over anxious to be in with the gang, easily led/ has one bosom friend only/ makes up to new children/ prefers animals to people.

Ways with other children:

Good-natured/ selfish, scheming/ likes seeing others in trouble/ disturbs others' games; molests, pushes about, punches; likes frightening and pranks/ hostile (makes nasty remarks); a central figure in any quarrel/ nasty to those outside own set; cold-blooded bullying, cruelty (likes hurting)/ likes to play the man(woman) of the world.

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Team-games:

Participates steadily/ rushes about madly/ loses interest/ sluggish, lethargic/ shrinks from active play/ too dreamy and distracted to take part. Good sportsman/ selfish (plays for himself only)/ plays to the gallery.

Degree of ability at above games..... Quite good.

Pastimes and hobbies:

Has constructive pastimes (sewing, knitting, woodwork, gardening)/ does not know what to do with himself, cannot stick at anything/ varies with mood/ has no suc' interests. Attempts difficult tasks, has high standard/ likes things easy; shirks difficulties, impatient, slap-dash.

Degree of practical or manual ability.....

Informal activity:

Overactive, restless (flits from one thing to another)/ cannot sit quietly with a book or when read to/ very noisy compared with others/ lacks energy, placid, stolid, listless/ varies from day to day/ plays childish games for his age/ n.n.

Possessions:

Looks after toys, books/ destructive with toys, etc. Makes collections (apart from popular crazes)/ hoards rubbish/ does not value possessions.

Everyday ability:

Can/ cannot do everyday things for his age (dressing, tying shoes, making bed, washing). Does/ does not, know right foot or hand. Can/ cannot reckon money. Can keep his end up mentally with others (swapping, buying and selling, scoring at games)/ gets cheated, fooled. Regarded by other children as clever/ 'dopy' (gets jeered at for silliness). Surprises by occasional 'flashes' above his supposed intelligence (exceptional memory, ability, intelligent remarks, etc.).

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- Sexual development:** ^{Sometimes} Early/ delayed development. Abnormality. *NORMAL.*
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- Bed-wetting (how often?) *NIL.*

PHYSIQUE

- General health:** Poor breathing, chesty; tonsillitis, catarrh; frequent colds; running nose; running ears; periodic high temperatures; stomach disorders; sore, red eyes; headaches; bad turns, fits (goes pale); nose bleeding; very cold hands; skin troubles, sores/ good health. Very bad teeth, wholesale extractions.
- Physical defects:** Squint; bulging eyes; other eye or sight defect *NIL.*
Always been very/ partly deaf; sometimes develops deafness. Deformity. Very fat. Abnormal sweating. Gawky (bad co-ordination); contorted features (face screwed up on one side, eye half closed, etc.); holds limb or body in unnatural posture.
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Anything special about this child which is not covered in the form:
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Copy to Mr. Nesbitt.

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM //

CAROL ---3rd Party . TYNEHOLM.

3.10.72. Staff Meeting.

Carol was ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

HAROLD TANT.

Harold liked his week at home - renewed acquaintance with his cousin Tam Swanson. Has had a good look at his family and now saying he does not want to stay overnight - why? - excuse bed not comfortable, but has a girl-friend there - she and Karen (Billy ---3rd Party girl friend) have visited Tyneholm. Harold saying Carol should not go to his house.

Harold and John ---3rd Party Information--- are very friendly. Jock ---3rd Party Information--- took Carol to visit Mr. Tant without Harold!

Harold also friendly with Billy ---3rd Party Information--- - took him to his house. Mr. Tant offered them beer - real attraction for both boys is girl-friends in area.

Mr. Nesbitt - "Everyone seems to be going to Mr. Tant's house. Matilda has visited there too, but does not seem to be interested in going back. All knew Mr. Tant from Winton Drive.

Plan

1. Mrs. Davie to 'phone Mrs. Hossack and arrange meeting at Tyneholm.
2. Mr. Nesbitt to talk with Harold re his feelings about Carol visiting his home and related to this, his own feelings about his father and the set-up in his house.
3. Mary to talk with Carol at every opportunity and follow on from Mr. Nesbitt's discussions with Harold.
4. Mrg. Davie to pick up threads of situation with Carol's father and Mother and perhaps Uncle John?

Mrs. A. Davie
10/10/72

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM.

20.6.72. Staff Meeting.

Miss Christine Atwell from Glasgow visited Harold last Sunday - also the children from The Tower - all went to the Zoo together. Catherine 'phoned Harold to say that she had visited Mother.

22.6.72.

Harold seen by Dr. Rogers. Miss Massey gave brief history saying that standards were so different when Harold went home to dad that he could not hold on to his identity and came back into care. Dr. Rogers found Harold reasonably friendly and chatty. Said that he had known for a long time that he would be leaving Winton Drive, that he had had pals there, but never went to his pals' houses - no idea where he will live - may join the merchant navy or be a boxer (unrealistic - hasn't done anything about it). Not really caring that he is nearer the family, so suggest just let him grow - a hideous example of rootlessness - has got a lot to work out.

1.8.72. Staff Meeting.

Harold appeared before the Panel with Catherine/to continue as before for both of them. Father appeared at Hearing - not very helpful, although verbal, but Mother did not appear.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

TANT FAMILY - MEETING AT TYNEHOLM

6.10.72. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt - Dave Galloway - Staff - Mrs. Hossack - Mike Casey - Mrs. Davie.

Focus To examine quality of influence and relationship of Mr. Tant on members of his family and various young people at Tyneholm who are gravitating to his house.

Catherine----3rd Party Information----

Mr. Nesbitt - spoke about Harold renewing contact with father - at cross-roads at present, but definite he is staying at Tyneholm till end of school - then maybe with father or digs. He has been the one to point out dangers of Carol Rojckyj going to his father's house.

What do we do about situation?

Mrs. Hossack - Mr. Tant will not accept direct confrontation - could it come through children - perhaps Harold in group with girls if he is sure in his own mind - for instance use Harold's knowledge that Michelle is child of Mr. Tant and Jeannette(?). Mike Casey had thought of using Mr. Tant's letters to Catherine as confrontation - if she came to Tyneholm this could be a possibility.

Mike Mr. Tant should be faced with what he is doing to family - force him into open - you co-operate or we do not want children to visit.

Advantages of Tyneholm for Catherine

----3rd Party Information----

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---3rd Party Information---

MRS. A. DAVIE.
SOCIAL WORKER

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM

7.11.72. Staff meeting.

Harold seems to be acting out considerably in recent weeks. Apart from his accusations about having sexual intercourse with Carol ^{---3rd Party} he was accusing Tommy ^{---3rd} of homosexual activities. Staff see him as making a bid for leadership but without the physical attributes to back this up nor the real personality to do so. His language and his manipulative actions are viscious. Seems intent on getting others into trouble.

Suggest we consider whether Harold, apart from adolescent problems, was suffering from the back-lash of having seen and heard his family discussed and devalued in public although he himself had contributed to this and said that he did not think Carol or Matilda ought to be visiting his house because of some of the things that went on there. This must leave him in a very vulnerable position. Where can he achieve status?

Mr. Nesbitt says that Tyneholm will be having their own boxing instructor one night per week from December and that Harold might receive some benefit and sense of achievement by getting involved in physical sports.

As Mark ^{---3rd} is a natural leader in the group, Harold is deliberately niggling Mark and staff are quite prepared to let this work itself out in the way it inevitably must.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM.

25.1.73. Discussion with Dr. Rogers at Tyneholm.

Dave Galloway spoke about individual sessions with Harold - talked about relationships - Harold saying some things I'm not going to tell you - then spoke of woman Dad took into house and woman died. Heard of it when his mother visited Winton Drive and told Mr. Thomson. Saying he does not want to live at home. Tries to be, or appear, hard, but very vulnerable.

Dr. Rogers - Problem of identity?

Miss Massey - The one most openly angry when he knew Winton Drive was closing.

Mr. Nesbitt - Encouraging communication with Thompson's.

Dr. Rogers - How much real cheek can you take from him - he would need to. The worst thing that can happen to anyone is separation from parents. Harold has been rejected by both.

"Maturity is being vulnerable and yet being able to cope with it."

He needs to be valued - won't have verbal capacity except perhaps at 4/5 year old level. Take all he can give by way of aggression to prove to him that you can still care about him. He needs a foundation to build on.

Seen by Dr. Rogers.

Said he felt more settled at Winton Drive - had more friends there - went more places - also had girl friend - not looking forward to being 16 and starting work.

Has a degree of immaturity - but has also made a fair amount of adjustment.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM.

30.1.73.

'Phone call from Mrs. Hossack - unable to attend Review - 'on duty' in office, but things have been happening in Tant household.

Father

Has had "heart attack" - removed to Western General Hospital two days ago - being kept in meantime until arrangements made for convalescence, but because of Bronchial condition rather than 'heart' condition.

Mrs. Hossack visited last night with Catherine - who is still at Assessment Centre -
---3rd Party Information---

Jeanette ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Mother

Homeless - presently living at Bilston. Rosemary, Tom and Angela in Canaan Lodge temporarily - not because Mother is homeless bur on order from Children's Panel - ?Placement in Tower as Mother unlikely to have children home again.

Father never mentions Harold any more. Jeantte says when Harold is home he just sits and drinks cans of beer.

Mrs. Hossack passing on case at end of month to Area 10 team as appropriate area. She would have been giving up case anyway as she is going on 'late duty calls'.

MRS.A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Nesbitt.

Mrs. A. Hossack,
Social Worker,
Edinburgh Social Work Department,
11 Victoria Street,
EDINBURGH,
EH12 4DS.

Our ref AD/ALS

23rd February, 1973.

Dear Mrs. Hossack,

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM.

At a meeting with Dr. Rogers last night, we discussed the plan made at the last Review, namely that we ask Dr. Rogers' assistance in obtaining a comprehensive assessment of Harold with a view to work potential especially and Dr. Rogers has agreed to this.

The staff are continuing to work with Harold towards the objectives of identity - self-awareness - maximisation of the potentials he has for making relationships, all towards the goal of helping him to become more secure and confident.

The area of family relationships still remains blurred and in view of the fact that you, who know the family so well are about to take up a new post in the Department, I wonder if you could let us have your up-to-date summary of the family situation and also the name of the person to whom you will be handing over.

Tynepark has made contact with Tynholm asking that Catherine visit Harold - at her request and Mr. Nesbitt will be making arrangements for this.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope you are looking forward to taking up your new post.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM.

21.2.73. Discussion at Tyneholm.

Mr. Nesbitt reported that Catherine, Harold's sister - now at Tynepark - had been asking for day visits to Tyneholm and that he was going to arrange this.

Dr. Rogers remarked that from looking at the Bristol Social Adjustment Scale Reports in Harold's file, he had been struck by the deterioration on the last report.

Mr. Nesbitt said he had introduced Harold to a Club in Salton where the peer group was less aggressive and that Harold seemed to be getting something out of this, had in fact adapted his appearance to the extent of not wearing the usual gear when he is associating with the peer group at school which is pretty aggressive and dresses much more conservatively when going to this Club at Salton.

In talking about Harold not particularly wanting to have contact with the family or to discuss it at the moment, Dr. Rogers suggested the time to look back over his life was when he was feeling much more secure and had some future focus.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

Copy to Mr. Nesbitt.

HAROLD TANT - TYNEHOLM.

5.3.73.

Mrs. Maxwell 'phoned - Harold's I.Q. is around 84 - a dull boy - what had we hoped for from assessment?

I said an up-to-date I.Q., but more especially how depressed this might be by Harold's disintegrated personality - emotional conflict over family situation - own sense of worth, etc., in view of need to plan for work potential.

Mrs. Maxwell said she would make further appointment for more objective tests.

MRS. A. DAVIE
SOCIAL WORKER

MG/LM

11th April, 1962

A.L. Thomson, Esq.,
Senior Assistant Psychologist,
Child Guidance Centre,
7 Merchiston Park,
EDINBURGH, 10.

Dear Mr. Thomson,

Re: Tant Family, 6 Burdiehouse Drive

Thank you so much for your letter received this morning, giving a full report on three members of this large family.

It is a little difficult to know how best to help them, but we are sending in a full report to our London H.Q. with a view to offering admission to some, if not all of them.

At present it would not appear that either parent is in any way adequate to cope with the children's needs, and I doubt if they ever will be.

With renewed thanks for your help,
Yours sincerely,

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REPORT.

The parents were known to the Society in 1954 when they resided in Penicuik at that time. The father was on the sick list and been off for some time. There was no serious fault until April of this year when it became known that maternal trouble existed in the home. The mother had developed an infatuation for a man whose wife is at present in a Mental Hospital and who has five children in Homes. The mother is pregnant to this man and despite all efforts and appeals by the father, left him on 2nd April but has taken the two youngest children with her. The father has displayed great tolerance and patience, but unfortunately, cannot cope with the remaining children and attend his work. There is no future in the home for the children and the future prospects are poor unless circumstances alter in favour of the father which does not seem likely.

Signed:- A. Thomson.
Inspector.

Parents.

Terence Tant (42)
Martha McKenzie or (31)

Children.

Terence born	17.2.51.
Stephen born	5.3.52.
Jeanette born	22.4.53.
Alexandra born	29.1.55.
Catherine born	22.8.57.
Harold born	27.8.58.
Rosemary born	22.3.60.
Thomas born	28.5.61.

13th April, 1962.

142 High Street,
Edinburgh, 1.

MG/JHR 19th May, 1962.

L.A. Root, Esq.,
for C.E.O., H.Q.,
Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
LONDON, E.1.

Dear Mr. Root,

re five children TANT - 326246/R/R

Thank you for your letter of 30th April, concerning these children.

I did not do anything about the matter immediately because I felt very strongly that the Children's Officer, Mr. Miller, should be prepared to give a helping hand to this family.

Shortly after we heard from you the eldest boy, Terence, ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

I then rang Mr. Miller and asked what about the other four children, and he said he would look into the matter.

They rang back yesterday to say they would be glad if we would admit the children, and they would be financially responsible. This means that Edinburgh Children's Department will pay for all four children -

Jeanette,
Alexandrina,
Catherine
and Harold.

2.

I now return the Agreement Form, which is no longer required, and shall get Mr. Miller to have the Immunisation Form signed.

We can admit these four children to our Home, 23 Winton Drive, Glasgow, W.2. and I shall be grateful if you will kindly let Mr. Thompson have the necessary Dossier Cards and Transfer Forms.

We have Medical Cards for all four children and I am sending these on to Mr. Thompson. The children will be admitted one day next week and I shall let you know later the exact date.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer, Scotland.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes

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STEPNEY CAUSEWAY

LONDON, E.1

23rd. May, 1962

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Jeanette Margaret TANT - born 22.6.53
Alexandrina Frances TANT - born 29.1.55
Catherine Drummond TANT - born 23.8.57
Harold Robert TANT - born 10.8.58

We have offered admission to these children and Miss Garland tells me she will be sending them to Winton Drive.

I enclose admission slips and medical location sheets for completion and return to Stepney in due course. I send as well four dossier cards.

The children have not been baptised. The parents are said to be Church of Scotland. The children enjoy good general health but they are reported to be below average mentally. Jeanette and Alexandrina attend Burdiehouse School, Edinburgh.

The father originally applied to us on behalf of the children as his wife, the children's mother, had left a few weeks previously in order to cohabit with another man by whom she had given birth to the half-brother Thomas, born May 1961. The mother had also taken with her the sister Rosemary, born March 1960. In addition, there are the two brothers, Terence and Stephen, born 1951 and 1952 respectively, who were living with the father along with the candidates.

We were approached because the father could not cope with the children and the mother could not have them because of her own limited accommodation. While we were considering the case, Terence and Stephen came before the Juvenile Court for petty offences and were committed to the care of the Local Authority. We believe they have gone to the Boys' Home, Red House, Musselburgh.

The Children's Officer then agreed that he would

accept financial responsibility for the four candidates if we admitted them, and they are coming to us, therefore, on payment by Mr. Miller, the Children's Officer for Edinburgh.

The father is Mr. Terence Tant of 6 Burdiehouse Drive, Edinburgh. The mother is Mrs. Martha Tant of 2, St. David's Street, Edinburgh. Jeanette was ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

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Alexandrina ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

Catherine (called Kathleen) ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

Harold, "Harry" is said to be not a very bright looking child. When seen he had a face rash and a painful-looking eye which the mother stated was being attended to. The habits of all the children are clean.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. Root

Mr. R.F. Thompson,
23 Winton Drive,
Glasgow, W. 2.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

STEPNEY CAUSEWAY
LONDON, E.1

Ref: 3262 16/P/R

Jeanette, Alexandrina, Catherine
and HAROLD TANT

We are anxious to have your consent to various immunisations being carried out if felt to be necessary, and we shall be glad if you will sign below that you are agreeable to the following: Vaccination (smallpox); Diphtheria; Whooping-cough; B.C.G. (tuberculosis); Tetanus (lockjaw); Poliomyelitis.

Date..... 28-5-62

Signed..... *Terence Tant*

If any of the above treatment has already been carried out please give Christian name of child concerned, dates of treatment and the place at which it was given.

Vaccination (smallpox)..... *Yes*
Diphtheria *Yes*
Whooping-cough *No*
B.C.G. (tuberculosis) *no*
Tetanus (lockjaw) *no*
Poliomyelitis *Yes*

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

326246/R/R

BRANCH..Winton Drive.....
Glasgow.

NAME..Harold Robert TANT.....NAT.REG.NO.5685-6-1958-227..

was admitted to this Branch on 30 May 1962.....

~~National Dried Milk
Supplementary Token
Book~~

Milk
Token
Book

Medical Card
(see below)

JUN 1962

A cross should be placed under the name of any article missing and the form, duly signed, returned to Stepney immediately.

Please examine all documents and report any defects and see whether name on Medical Card is the same as the one sent from Headquarters.

Please tick where appropriate

- (a) Child has been registered and Medical Card is awaited from parent We have received the M Card
- (b) Child has not been registered and I am attending to this _____

Signature

M. S. Thompson

del. recom: To be baptised and brought up in the Church of Scotland.

BAPTISMAL FORM

To: GLASGOW

Date: 15.10.62.

TANT, Jeanette Margaret 30.5.62.
, Alexandrina Frances "
, Catherine Drummond "
, Harold Robert "

Child's name Admitted

Jeanette : 22.6.53. Penicuik
Alexandrina : 29.1.55. "
Catherine : 23.8.57. "
Born Harold : 10.8.58. At Edinburgh

Father's name Terence Yellowlees TANT Religion Church of Scotland

Mother's name Martha Alexandrina TANT Religion Church of Scotland

*noted
scr
6/11/63*

Baptised at North Kelvinside Church of Scotland

By Rev Robert Ferguson On Sunday 20th Oct. 1963

Annie Skemins 27 Rolland St. Glasgow NW.

Sponsors: Marie Macdellar 30 Marlborough Ave. Glasgow W.

Beatrice Lyndham, 55, Kelvinside Ave. N.W.

Margery Small 135 Forogay St. Glasgow W.

Signed R. Ferguson.

Date Twenty First October 1963.

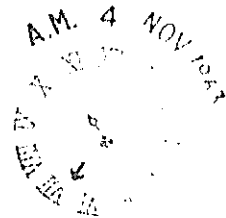
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Please reply to:

THE SUPERINTENDENT
23 WINTON DRIVE
KELVINDALE
GLASGOW, W.2
Telephone: GLASGOW WESTERN 7050

30th October, 1963.

HFT/DW.

GEN. OFFICER
H.C. Webber, Esq.,
Chief Executive Officer,
Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
18-26, Stepney Causeway,
LONDON, E.1.

Dear Mr. Webber,

Please find enclosed baptismal forms for Charles Donnelly, Jeanette Tant, Alexandrina Tant, Catherine Tant and Harold Tant. As you may know, I received instructions quite a long time ago to have these children baptised, but as we were in the throes of changing the church, I did not want us to appear to be at all exhibitionist and so I waited until the children were well known in their new church, before the baptismal service took place.

We are indeed fortunate with the church and minister which we now have. The church is keenly interested in the children and the baptismal service, which took place on Sunday, 20th October, was a most impressive one, with the four Tant children going in during the singing of the second hymn. Mr. Ferguson offered up a very fine prayer for the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes and especially for the children he was about to baptise. He selected very careful four Godmothers, whom he hopes will become real aunts through the years to these children and at the end of the service each of the Tant children were gifted a beautiful white New Testament each.

Charles/

Dr. Barnardo's Homes

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Chief Executive Officer.

30th October, 1963.

Charles ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

The baptismal forms are enclosed for these children and I do trust that I did right in delaying the baptismal service of the said children until they had become known in the church which they now attend.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Horace F. Thompson
(H.F. Thompson)
Superintendent.

Enc.

Miss Hunter,

12/4/64

(28)

Mr Thompson brought in this letter to the office - The children have not seen it - or the photograph.

On looking thro' the case notes, I see that you visited Mother + Manfred in 1962 - to attempt to educate them about the sort of letter they should + should not write to the children.

Perhaps we could discuss this - but the wording of similar advice might be appropriate for F. + girl friend.?

BT.

AH

30th April, 1964.

J. Miller, Esq.,
Children's Officer,
14 Castle Terrace,
Edinburgh.

Dear Mr. Miller,

The Tant family at
25 Winton Drive, Glasgow.

Mr. Tant has written a letter to the children which we feel may have a disturbing effect upon them. I propose asking Miss Hunter to visit Mr. Tant to encourage him to write more helpful letters in future.

I hope this meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely,

Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

TANT FAMILY

Visited Mr. Tant at 56A Great King Street, where he lives with the woman whom she says he hopes to marry when his divorce comes through. They have a three month old baby - Ian. They have a room and kitchenette in this basement flat, let off to several families.

Mr. Tant has left the buses because of chronic bronchitis, and has been advised to get a very light factory job. He realises that this will be difficult to find (he hopes!) and, in the meantime he is existing on National Health Insurance with NAB supplementation.

He promises to write less disturbingly in future, and apologises for any inconvenience caused. He is unable to visit the children for financial reasons meantime. Apparently Terry and Stephen visit him fortnightly from Red House, Musselburgh.

915.64.

ABJH.



EDINBURGH CORPORATION
CHILDREN DEPARTMENT



YOUR REF.....

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE 4 ROTHESAY TERRACE

M/HRB

EDINBURGH 3

TELEPHONE:
CALEDONIAN 714 5

TELEGRAMS:

"CHILDREN, EDINBURGH"

OR ASK FOR..... Miss Roe.....

8th March, 1965.

Dear Mrs. Trembath,

Harold, Catherine, Alexandrina & Janette Tant

I understand that you have been asking for the address of the father of the above-named children, who are in Dr. Barnardo's Home at Kelvindale.

Mr. Tant is staying at 11 Smith's Place, Leith and has been refused permission to have Stephen and Terence home for week-ends from Red House Home, Musselburgh.

gls

Yours sincerely,

Janet Trice

Children's Officer.

Mrs. Trembath,
Regional Executive Officer,
Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh, 3.

THE TANT FAMILY.

At 1.10pm on the day the children were to meet their father at No.22 the mother arrived at the door asking if she could see the children also. She had been told that morning of the proposed meeting. She had come to take advice on the matter.

Whilst I told her that we would not want to prevent her visiting the children, I felt that it would be too much for the children to see both parents together and to become upset and muddled over the situation, wondering why they were in a Home if the parents were together again. I told her, however, that I wished to discuss the matter with Mr. Thomson and asked her to come back at 2.45pm. (she did not turn up until 3.15pm)

Talked the matter over with Mr. Thomson and Mr. Cairns who agreed with me, and then we talked with Mr. Tant also telling him our views. Mr. Cairns, Mr. Thomson and I talked with Mrs. Tant and she accepted our advice and arrangements were made for her to visit the children at Craigerne on Tuesday 10th August when Mr. Thomson will meet her off the 'bus.

She has not visited Winton Drive ~~since~~ since the children were admitted four years ago, and has sent one letter. She said she had written and sent cards, but could not visit because her two younger children, aged 4 and 2, take fits and no one will care for them. Later on, she admitted that these two children were taken into care six weeks ago because she had nowhere for them to live. She is now living with her brother whose address she had difficulty in remembering, and gave:- c/o McKenzie, 15a Muirhouse Gardens. She said Mr. Tant, whom she sees every week, lives at 11 Smiths Place, Edinburgh. She says her brother is due to be evicted quite soon and, again, she will have nowhere to go. She would like to get a house and have all the children with her.

The children spent some time in the office, and then went into Drumsheugh Gardens alone with their father. Mr. Tant looks quite ill and has changed considerably since I saw him last. He is on drugs because of a nervous condition.

5.8.65.

ABJE.

Copy to Mr. Thomson.

THE TANT FAMILY.

Mr. Tant is out on bail at present, and living at 15 Proughton Place, Edinburgh. Letter has been forward to him at this address.

His case will come to Court in due course, but the date is not yet known.

19.1.66.

ABJH.

HFT/JMB.

14th July, 1966.

Mr. Terrance Tant,
c/o A. Aslan,
40 Henderson Row,
Edinburgh,

Dear Mr. Tant,

I am replying to a letter which you sent to Mrs. Trembath my Executive Officer re correspondence between yourself and your children. With regards to the regularity of your letters to your children, of which a record is kept, I am afraid that you do not correspond with them each week as you have stated in your letter, as we keep a record of all letters written to the children as well as those sent out to parents. The last letter which you sent to your children was on the 7th of July, and the one previous to that was sent on the 24th of June, 1966.

We also sent you a photograph of your children as they appeared on Television on the 25th of May, 1966. When the weather is fine it is no easy matter to get the children to write. Indeed, I have given them every encouragement to do so, but it is not always easy to persuade them to write especially when they want to do something else which to their little minds is of greater importance.

With regards to you paying the children a visit, when they are on holiday at North Berwick, we shall do our best to make arrangements with Mrs. Trembath as soon as possible so that you will be able to meet the children either in Edinburgh or at North Berwick.

As you will know, Janette, Dreena, Harold and Catherine are on holiday from School, and appear to be enjoying life immensely. My wife and I trust that this letter will find you improving in health. Please do not worry about the children any more than you can possibly help, because I can assure you that they are being well cared for, and are growing up to be a credit to you and to the home in which they are living at present.

They have made many good friends through here in Glasgow who are very kind to them, and whom I am sure in the years to come will remain their friends.

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Furthermore, there is no possibility of them forgetting their Daddy, because they often speak of you with affection, and are encouraged to do so.

My wife and I send you our best wishes, and look forward to meeting you when arrangements are made for you to visit your family.

Kindest regards, and best wishes.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(H.F. THOMPSON)
Superintendent.

BT/SGS

24th July, 1968.

John H. Millar, Esq.,
Children's Officer,
4 Rothesay Terrace,
Edinburgh 3.

Dear Mr. Millar,

Re: 'Drina, Catherine and Harold Tant.
At Winton Drive, Glasgow.

You were recently good enough to agree to Harold spending a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn.

We are in the process of arranging holidays for all the children at Winton Drive, and this year they are going down to the Barnardo Village at Barkingside, from which they will have easy access to and from London.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will be taking 'Drina and Catherine direct from Winton Drive to London, and the Bradburns, who will have Harold with them on holiday, will return him to the Village.

Some children are going by the Home's Bedford, and others will be going by train. We have already heard from you that your Committee is prepared to supply an extra £1 for children on holiday in your care. Is this the total of the allowance that you can make for holiday expenditure, or is it likely that you can make some additional allowance in this case, particularly in respect of 'Drina and Catherine? Is it likely that you can either make us an allowance towards their train fare, which is £4 19s. in each case, or, alternatively, would these children be eligible for any special grant you may make in respect of holiday allowances? *for boarded out children?*

I/

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this.

Yours sincerely,

B. T.

(MRS. B. TREMBATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

Tark Family

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26. 7. 68

Mrs Thomson CCO phoned.

Miss McKinnon, Housing Dept has informed her that parents are taking out Divorce proceedings - M taking initiative.

F intends to keep Tenancy at Broomhouse Drive with 2 older boys.

M going to stay at Springwell with 3 youngest

Housing Dept willing to allow F to keep house

M will have to apply as new applicant with waiting period - will include 3 youngest + 3 at Water Drive in her application.

F is applying for custody of Jeanette.

Two lines has tried to see each parent but none in at either houses.

Legal people say Divorce should be brought by Tarkway.

Later Phoned Mr Thompson, Water Drive & told him of above & alternative plans arranged at recent Conference not necessarily appropriate.
MATH will be contacting him. Pro

Parents have threatened divorce
proceedings on several previous occasions!

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TANT FAMILY.

Miss Innes telephoned with the latest news:-

Mrs. Thyne has recommended that Jeanette should ---3rd Party
---3rd Party Information---

Miss Innes' efforts at visiting:-

9am Broomhouse - curtains closed and no reply. Talked with two local children and asked about the children ~~xxxxxx~~ who lived in the house - it was clear that no children were known to live there - mentioned was made of three men? Father, Terry and Stevie.

9.15 to Springwell Place - Mr. McDonald opened the door. Said he called *am* every day to collect the rent. Mother said to be out shopping. The three children about the streets playing.

9.30pm. back to Broomhouse - Father said Mother had just left on a visit to her sister.

31.7.68.

ABJH.

19.8.68. Telephoned Miss Innes for latest news. She, in turn, telephoned Mrs. Thynn who reported that Jeanette did return to school on the 16th, although she did not travel on the two expected trains which Mrs. Thynn was at on Friday. ?earlier train. Mrs. Thynn said to Miss Innes that there seems to be "quite a story" behind all this but gave no further information. Mrs. T. going to Balgay on Thursday 22nd and will let us know the result of that visit.

BT/SGS

16th October, 1968.

Miss Innes,
Child Care Officer,
Edinburgh Children's Department,
4. Rothesay Terrace,
Edinburgh 3.

Dear Miss Innes,

Re: The Tant Family.

I am sorry that you were unable to come to our Conference this morning. However, Miss Hunter, Miss Massey and I did a quick review of, what we believe to be, the current situation of this family.

As far as Miss Hunter can ascertain from a recent visit:-

1. Father is still at Broochhouse with Terry and Stephen - all are unemployed.
2. Mother is at Springwell Place with Mr. McDonald, Mr. McDonald's sons, Rosemary and Tommy Tant, and Angela too, if she has by now taken her from Canaan Lodge.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson did not take the children to see both parents at Broochhouse at the end of August, as arranged at the last Conference, because the parents had once again separated by then.

The plan we made for the immediate future is as follows:-

1. Miss Hunter to discuss with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson the feasibility of bringing the three children to visit their mother and the rest of their family at Springwell Place for the day, or part day, when Janette is home for the weekend (8th/11th of November). Arrange a visit for Saturday the 9th.
2. /

BT/SGS

16th October, 1968.

2. Miss Hunter will also discuss the possibility of this arrangement with Mrs. Tant, and with Mrs. Matheson, before finalising such arrangements.

3. We confirmed with Miss Maas, Psychiatric Social Worker at The Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, that the three children are to be seen at the Clinic on the 26th of October.

~~Not main~~ ~~leave it that~~ ~~as soon as we have~~ ~~any information~~ ~~any one~~ ~~of us could ask for a Conference to be called.~~ ~~of us could ask for a Conference to be called.~~ Perhaps

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. B. FRIMBATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

BT/SGS

16th October, 1968.

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We did not make a date for our next Tant Conference. Perhaps we should leave it that as soon as we have more information any one of us could ask for a Conference to be called.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. D. TAMMATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

Sunday 3rd ~~1967~~ September 1967

My Dearest Harold,

I do hope
you received my last letter
alright. How are you getting
on at school, but I expect
you are having a really great
time. How is it in Glasgow
yes I expect you are having
plenty of fun at school &
at Winter Drive. Have you
got your eyes glued to the
T. V, well I do hope to hear
from you & Catherine very
soon.

Always Love

Dad

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TANT FAMILY

Visited Mrs. Tant who confirmed the arrangements for Saturday. Jeannette arrives on Friday night and will be staying at Broomhouse with her father very much against Mother's wishes.

Still no N.A.B. Allowance. Told her of my enquiries at N.A.B. and Housing Department - rest is up to her.

ABJH/AH

6/11/68.

Miss Hunter

20/12/68

Mrs. Tant telephoned to say that she was expecting the children through for one day at Christmas time. In her words "When the man was here with the children the last time he said that he would bring them again for a day at Christmas-time to see her."

Her difficulty was money. She says she has no income and would like some help to have the children.

She has promised to come here at 4.30 to get the answer as she will be in the vicinity of the West End.

Did not come.

J.H.L.

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TANT FAMILY.

Visited 22 Springwell Place - somewhat crowded - Mr. and Mrs. Tant, Terry, Stevie, Jeanette, Rosemary, Angela, Tommy, Mr. Macdonald and his son all looking at a large, new television set!

All organised for children's visit tomorrow. Jeanette returns on 6th January after two weeks' holiday with her Father at Broomhouse Place.

Mother, whom I saw alone, anxious about Jeanette who ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

National Assistance Officer calling on Monday re some sort of allowance.

ABJH.

3/1/69.

B.T.

Have no note of name of Clinic at Notre Dame - my notes say "theraphy at N.D."

We wondered whether we should ask Dr. McGill for result of E.E.G. Angela an
---3rd Party Information---

All three children, who were seen together, talked of early days at home, remembering the tensions between the parents and of their subsequent admission to Winton Drive. Their confusion with regard to the set-up when they visited Springwell Place, "where did Mr. McDonald fit in?". Drina told by Mr. Thomson that her parents were divorced, and telling Catherine and Harold this and saying that Mother is now Mrs. McDonald. Drina taking Jeanette's place. Drina's self-consciousness re her obesity and her limitations.

Catherine and Harold - Dr. Stone - "good looking, pleasant - spontaneous relationship with each other." Of average intelligence and relating well considering their background. Relatively stable. Catherine closer to Harold and both referring to Drina. T

ABJH gave indication of home circumstances (see notes already in file) Concern re the suggestion that the younger children may be taken into care under Section II - what of the Glasgow trio? If taken into care should we work towards getting them all together, or keeping them in sets of three with regular contact. Would bringing them to Edinburgh increase contact with parents - would this outweigh the upset created by a transfer from Glasgow?

4/2/69. Conference w Mr. & Mrs Thompson - ABJH. & B.T.
Told Mr. & Mrs T. what Dr. Stone had said about
family. -
Jeanette. -
---3rd Party Information---

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---3rd Party Information---

Drina

Catherine & Harold - alright so far!!

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7th February, 1969.

Dr. Fred H. Stone,
Department of Child Psychiatry,
70 University Avenue,
GLASGOW, W.2.

Dear Dr. Stone,

Re: The Tant Family.

Miss Hunter has now been able to see Mr. and Mrs. Tant, who came together to see her.

Mrs. Tant reported that she was living with "a friend", and seemed to be intending, at present anyway, not to return to the home of Mr. McDonald, where her three youngest children are still being cared for by him.

The Parents indicated that they would be willing for Mrs. Tant to occupy Mr. Tant's house, providing the Housing Department would find him some alternative accommodation. To this home, she indicated she would then take her three children from Winton Drive, three from the care of Mr. McDonald, later Jeanette, and one other of the older children.

Miss Hunter thinks that Mrs. Tant realises that the Housing Department are not likely to provide an alternative house for Mr. Tant. She is not prepared to live with him.

I thought you might be interested in knowing what, on Thursday, the 6th of February, anyway, was up-to-date.

As regards Drina, Miss Hunter discussed with Mr. and Mrs. Tant the proposal that Drina might go to Notre Dame to the Adolescent Group there. Both parents were very willing/

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7th February, 1969.

willing for her to do this. Perhaps you will now be good enough to investigate this possibility for us.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson would be very pleased to co-operate in this arrangement in any way they can.

Thank you again for your help with this family.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. B. TREMBATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

TANT FAMILY (2)

- Oct. 1951. Staying with M.G.M. Father unemployed. Complaints re previous jobs - too damp at the laundry; too hot at the Rubber Mill and too worried about a house at Walls.
Arrears - Clubs; money lender; warning from Sloans.
Bed and bedding required.
"Sorry for Mother who seems to wage a constant battle with him about work". "Father doesn't appear to worry how Mother should manage and would be quite happy if she worked, although she doesn't feel able to".
"Uses 'leg' as excuse".
- Dec. 1951. Bed given. (EHF) Clothing for Father - still unemployed.
- Jan. 1952. Cot and bedding.
- Oct. 1952. Staying with ~~M.G.M.~~ M.G.M.
Children in Clerwood - ? overcrowding.
Father - job for four months at W.G.H.
Clothing needed for parents. Father in Lodging House.
- Nov. 1952. £4 for advance rent on house in Pencuik. Children to come out of Clerwood when family housed.
- Dec. 1958. Cottage, then Council house in Pencuik till Jan. 1958. Parents assualted by neighbours (who were fined £10) and children terrified. Returned to Edinburgh as a result - Mother and children to Glenlockhart and Father to Trades Hotel.
In May - 12 East Arthur Place - paying up @ £1 per week.
Father 1956 to Aug. 1957 - Officers' Batman, Glencorse Barracks.
"Father makes little attempt to keep himself clean and tidy. Facile, easy manner, unconcerned about own state. Clothing needs, but really rehabilitation required".
"Mother very clean and neatly dressed. Good care of children".
Request for clothing.
- Nov. 1959. Father unemployed. Two rooms untidy, but clean. Hired a washing machine. Blankets needed for children.
- Feb. 1960. Request clothing - children and father.
Children in Residential Nursery - confinement.
On housing list for 2 years. £15 arrears from Pencuik to be cleared.
- June 1960. Burdiehouse.
- Sept. 1960 Clothing for father. unemployed.
- Feb. 1961. Clothing.
- June 1961. Father - Corporation Transport Conductor. He needs clothing.
- Jan. 1962. Clothing. House very untidy, children grubby. Large T.V. protected by fireguard.
Father off work - asthma and bronchitis.
Wages recently arrested for electricity bills from Arthur Street.

TANT FAMILY (5)

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Dec. 1963. Burdiehouse given up. Children in care. Mother off with another man.
Gave up job with S.M.T. on health grounds.
Living with 21 year old girl in Great King Street - Evelyn White -
P.F. of her expected child.
Request for clothing and Gas Bill of £22.

Feb. 1964. Ian Tant born.

June 1966. Father "He impressed as a rather pathetic figure of a man who is
thoroughly inadequate in many respects. He is now at a nostalgic
phase and very much holds on to moments of pleasanter days in the
distant past. Showed photographs of children with pride."
Request for clothing.

TANT FAMILY.

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NOTES FROM THE EDINBURGH COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE FILES.

PATERNAL GRANDPARENTS.

1932. Terence (35) 90 Slateford Road.

Kathleen Gourlay (29)

Terence (12) Ian (9) Ewan (7) Ronald (4) John (2)

Later - Catherine (March 1933) William (Nov. 1934) James (Dec. 1940)

Mr. Tant (PGF) "an excitable little man, not strong looking - chest trouble"
"man writes a remarkably good letter. Educated at Leith Academy and Heriots"
Carriage Washer 1922 to 1926, transferred to Store (also L.M.S.) and then
transferred in 1932 back to Washing. Resigned as a result, after being
off for a number of weeks owing to ill-health.

In 1931 a baby of five months died.

Request - arrears of rent.

Ewan - delicate, rickets. John - rickets.

House fairly clean, but untidy. Tinned milk. Mr. Tant refusing to allow
his wife to buy fresh milk regularly. C.S.S. offered milk only.

1933 Request - rent arrears - eviction order.

"Mr. Tant more subdued than usual - appears to sit back to see what turns
up".

1936 Request - clothing. Mr. Tant unemployed for four years. Terence an
apprentice moulder with Mackenzie and Moncur. Younger boys off school
because of lack of clothing.

1937 Clothing.

1941 Mr. Tant discharged from Army - dislocated knee. Now a messenger with
Scottish Command.

Two eldest sons in the Services (Terence Royal Scots 1940-1944,
C.M.P. 1944-1946).

PARENTS.

1951 West Pilton. Terry (17.2.51)

Request for shawl for Terry - referral Almoner W.G.H.

Father unemployed - 7 weeks.

In-laws well-known to C.S.S. Mother was a very difficult adolescent, at
a Special School and did little work after leaving school.

H.V. gave a bad report and begged Council not to help. Shawl given.

4.51. Staying with paternal uncle. Clothing requested.

6.51. Clothing.

TANT FAMILY.

3/3/69. Visited Father (Mr. Tant) at Broomhouse and found him sweeping up somewhat ineffectually. Talked about the proposed visit of the children on the 8th of March. He agreed with all we discussed but doubtful if he was listening. Showed me a note of all the debts owed by Terry to him - about £118. Doesn't know what will happen to the house.

Visited Mrs. Tant at Springwell Place. Mr. Macdonald was helping an old man along the street to mend a fence. He waved to me, but made no effort to come to the house. Angela was with him. Mrs. Tant and Stevie were at home.

Agreed to the visit of the children on the 8th of March and offered to meet Mrs. Thompson at Waverley if the brake is not available. Said we would confirm the arrangements. Understood the idea of the children seeing Broomhouse. Mrs. Tant's reaction was "I must clean the place up beforehand". Mrs. Tant said she was going with Mr. Tant today to clear the arrears using her £26. Mr. Tant has agreed to move into a room elsewhere. Tomorrow they will go to the Children's Department for furniture. She doesn't want Mr. Macdonald to know about the £26 otherwise he will want the money to clear his numerous debts.

Stevie was present during our discussion, looking better and much more vocal. Expressing feelings against Terry who blocks him re jobs on the Trawlers Was able to say that Carney was a better employer than Devlin but he does not have the gear to go on the trawlers. Terry has the gear but won't let Stevie use it and Stevie feels that they could share since neither of them appear to go out to work at the same time. He wants to go on the trawlers rather than a shore job. Terry is at Leith today but said Stevie "has no intention of getting a job"

I rang Mrs. Thompson and told her of my visits. Possibility of getting the brake in time but she will confirm the arrangements with Mrs. Tant.

Told her that Mrs. Tant thinks Jeanette is coming for the weekend, and Mrs. Thompson says that Drina has also heard that Jeanette might be going home on the 8th of March.

7/3/69.

Visited Springwell Place. All in order for visit of children on 8/3/69, stopping off at Broomhouse Place.

Mother to 'phone Mrs. Thompson at 9 a.m. on 8th to see if children are fit to travel - diarrhoea and gastro-eneritis.

Has paid arrears on Broomhouse and asking Miss Innes for furniture.

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COPY SENT TO MISS HUNTER.

OUR REF

YOUR REF

REPORT ON VISIT OF TANT FAMILY TO BROOMHOUSE AND SPRINGWELL PLACE ON
SATURDAY 8th. MARCH, 1969.

Mr. Young very kindly drove the family to Edinburgh on Saturday and Mrs. Young accompanied him. He took the children to Broomhouse first arriving about lunchtime, where both Mr. & Mrs. Tant were waiting. They were collected from 22, Springwell Place at 6.0 p.m., where both Mr. & Mrs. Tant were again.

I had a talk to the children yesterday about their visit, which they seemed to have enjoyed but have come back with very set ideas about leaving Winton Drive during the next two weeks. Mother has even told them which school they will be attending, a local one for Harold and Catherine and Gorgie Special School for Drena. They were quite surprised that at Broomhouse there were hardly any furniture. Two beds, one or two chairs, two settees and only one little electric fire which rather worried Drena to think that was all the heating that her Daddy had, she said he was blue with the cold and she wished that someone could look after him. Like Jeannette she seems to have much more concern for her father rather than her Mother. She expressed again yesterday that she did not like Mr. McDonald. She also expressed that her Mother and Mr. McDonald argued nearly all the time that they were there. I think one thing stands out that there was a shortage of money this time, the children say they did not have so much to eat as usual and where they usually come home with lots of presents this time they were only given a 1/- bar of chocolate. One interesting factor is that they were taken to visit their Grandmother on the Mothers side, apparently she lives just round the corner from Broomhouse, she also told them that they would all be going home to live soon. They say that this is the first time that they have ever seen her. Drena tells me that her Mother said that she was living at Broomhouse now and that her Father was in lodgings, but Jeannette had told her this was not so, her father was still staying at Broomhouse at the moment with Terry and Steven. Drena also told me that she thought Steven looked very ill, also that Tommy and Angela were very white faced. They were all a bit upset when I explained to them that I did not think they would be going home so soon, I did however tell them that I thought this is what their Mummy would like to do sometime in the future.

Doreen I. Thompson

TANT FAMILY.

Arrangements made for 'Drina to go home for the day on Saturday, 12th April, travelling by 'bus and being met at Edinburgh.

The three children to go home for the day on the 18th of April.

Mrs. Thompson to confirm times and send 10/- for 'Drina and 20/- for the three children.

ABJH.

28.3.69.

TANT FAMILY.

Mrs. Thompson telephoned - letter from Jeanette from Dundee saying she hoped to visit Winton Drive with a friend on Saturday 12th - the day Drina was ---3rd Party Information---
 ---3rd Party Information---

Visited Springwell Place - at home - Parents, Stevie and the three youngest children. Discussed situation and parents agreed to Wednesday and will meet Drina at St. Andrew's Square. Saturday 19th for Drina, Catherine and Harold to go home for day still stands.

Mr. Tant not happy about Jeanette ---3rd Party Information---
 ---3rd Party Information---

Notified Mrs. Thompson.

Terry now working at Burton's Biscuit Factory. Stevie still unemployed. Angela due to start School on 14th April - ?Special School.

Mrs. Tant had applied to W.V.S. for blankets but has been referred back to Miss Innes for some form of authorisation. Miss Innes arranging furniture.

Miss A.B.J. Hunter.

9/1/69.

23/4/69. Mr Turnbull-Balgay telephoned to say that Jeanette had not ret'd from leave following last weekend at home. Had got the Police to seek her at Mrs T's home - & Mr T's - not found. Had we any recent news? read to him ABJH's report 9/4/69 - suggested that he tel'd Mrs Thompson - re last weekend's visit.

B.T.

TANT FAMILY.12.5.69.

Visited Springwell Place - Mother at home alone. Father now unwilling to leave Broomhouse to her and therefore neither he or Terry welcome at Springwell Place at present. Mr. Macdonald said to be working as a labourer.

Mother seeing Miss Innes on 14/5/69. at Miss Innes' request.

Visit to Balgav pleased her - Jeannette ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

Welcomed idea of children visiting fortnightly. Advised Mrs. Thompson who will arrange this starting 24th June - children going on an outing on 17th June.

ABJH/AH

TANT FAMILY.

Mrs. Thomson recorded on the Log that Mrs. Tant had been given Broomhouse and the children expected to return home soon.

I visited Broomhouse yesterday morning. No curtains, but some furniture in the house. I then went on to Springwell Place and found Mrs. Tant alone. She confirmed that M.O.S.S. have paid the arrears of about £20. Mr. Tant, Terry and Jeanette have moved to ~~48~~ St. Mary's Street to a room and kitchen. Jeanette is not working but is visited by Mrs. Thynne.

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Mrs. Tant just waiting for bedding and one more mattress. She said Miss Innes has given her more furniture, since Mr. Tant furnished his two rooms by removing curtains and furniture from Broomhouse. She is now awaiting the completion of the necessary furniture and expects to have the children soon afterwards.

Harold visited her on Monday 29th and seems very anxious to return home, but both 'Drena and Catherine are most reluctant to do so, preferring to be near their Foster Aunts in Glasgow.

I rang Miss Innes this morning. She confirmed much of the above. Hoped the girls would be encouraged to think in terms of coming home. 'Drena would go with Angela and Rosemary to St. Nicholas Special School - 'bus provided. Catherine would go to Broomhouse Secondary School and Harold would go with Tommy to Broomhouse Primary School.

In view of the change in situation with regard to the house, Miss Innes has not made any enquiries about the Convent for Drena. She expects to visit Mrs. Tant at Broomhouse tomorrow night to discuss final furnishing arrangements and will contact us after that.

1.9.69.

Miss A.B.J. Hunter.

Rang Mrs. Thompson and discussed with her.

TANT FAMILY.

Visited Broomhouse this morning.

Mother has done her best with the furniture. Girls to be in one room, boys in another and single bed in small room for Mother upstairs. Downstairs 'bedroom' has table and chairs and will be used as a playroom. Sitting room has no carpet, large fireguard, sideboard and numerous easy chairs.

Ministry of Social Security said not yet to have paid arrears. Sheriff Officer and two men called two days ago to evict her and put furniture in the street. She referred them to M.o.S.S. and Children's Department.

Said sheets not delivered by Miss Innes.

Mr. Macdonald and Stevie have cleared the garden and cut the hedge.

Mr. Tant still demanding 'Drina and Catherine - expecting trouble here.

23.10.69

Miss A.B.J. Hunter.

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ABTH / i would like to reply 19's
realistically + by - if that is possible!
Do you think this?
B. T.

DR. BARNARDO'S

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23rd October, 1969

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OUR REF

YOUR REF

Mrs. B. Trembath,
Regional Executive Officer,
Dr. Barnardo's,
22 Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh, 3.

Dear Mrs. Trembath,

I am writing to you with regard to the Tant family who have just left us to return home. Smilingly I am writing, because you will probably say that I should not get involved. However, I feel that in this case there is some cause for concern and I do hope that you will manage to persuade Edinburgh Corporation Children's Department to keep a close watch on the situation.

Miss Innes informed me on her last visit that in any case she was leaving, but this appeared to me not to be the answer to my question concerning the welfare of these young people. Seven years is a long time for them to have been in care and I do feel that they will all suffer a great deal of stress in the days that lie ahead, especially with Father pulling one way and Mother pulling the other way as to who should have the children.

I know that it is unnecessary to tell you that my wife and I will only be too pleased to assist if there is anything we can do.

I trust that from time to time you will jog the memory of the City Children's Department into observing and reporting on this situation.

Thanking you for all the valuable help and encouragement which you have given in this matter in the past,

I remain,
Yours sincerely

Norman Hill
Superintendent

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19th November, 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Thompson,
---3rd Party Information---

GLASGOW, W.2.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thompson,

Re: The Tant Family.

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd of October. I delayed a reply until we knew better how the children were settling.

I can well understand your feelings about the children for whom you have cared during the past seven years, and your doubts as to the success of this particular restoration.

During our discussions together it was clear that restoration was inevitable, and the increasing contact with the family showed us where we had failed by not involving the parents earlier. This was shown by the way in which the different children reacted after a long period of apparent calm because of no contact with the family. Had we encouraged parental contact, and given supportive help, many of the anxieties which both you and the children have experienced might have been less severe.

Things seem to be going fairly smoothly at present, and much as we expected. The children are still in the process of adjustment, i.e. to a new School, to a different way of life, and, as far as Drina and Catherine are concerned, coping with their feelings of having left Mother's home to live with the Father and Jeanette. However, on the bright side/

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19th November, 1969.

side, Miss Innes feels that the relationship between Jeanette and her Mother has improved considerably, and this has influenced Drina and Catherine.

Drina is ---3rd Party Information---
and Catherine at ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information--- Harold is said to be cheeky, but "Stevie sits on him". Negotiations are going on with the Ministry of Social Security with regard to rent arrears, and the Mother has been given an adequate allowance. Mrs. Tant has been given the clothing you kindly provided for Harold, and is well pleased with this.

No doubt we can talk more about this sometime. I am keeping in touch with Miss Innes about the whole family.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A.B.J. Hunter
Social Worker.

TANT CHILDREN.

22.12.69.

Mr. Maniam telephoned re arrangements for Drina, Catherine and Harold to spend the night of Tuesday, 23rd December at Winton Drive in order to visit their respective foster Aunts. Whilst he was delighted to have them he wished some Authority from the responsible person.

Rang Miss Black, Social Work Department in the absence of Miss Innes who is off sick. Such permission should be given by the parents. As Mr. Tant did not 'phone at 4-30 p.m. (re blankets) as arranged, I went, first of all to Broomhouse, where Mother, Stevie, Rosemary, Tommy and Angela were all sitting in a warm room watching T.V.

Mother had heard of the arrangements for the Children to go to Winton Drive and said that Drina had arranged it herself. She did not know dates or times. Harold went to his Father for the weekend and announced that he intended to remain with his Father.

Visited Father, Jeanette, Drina, Catherine and Harold. Drina was washing her hair and Jeanette washed Harold's hair whilst I was there.

Mr. Tant was very pleased with himself because Jeanette
-----3rd Party Information-----
-----3rd Party Information-----

Drina and Harold said they had arranged to go to Winton Drive on Tuesday morning and spend the night there and go on to their respective Aunts for the Wednesday night, returning home on Christmas afternoon. We agreed that they should all return together on the Express 'bus, leaving Glasgow at 3.10 p.m..

Father expressed some feelings about the Children being away from home at this time, but said Catherine's Aunt had sent the money for her fare, and indeed Catherine had been told to 'phone her Aunt every two weeks reversing the charges. Drina and Harold said they had written to their Aunts -

Drina - Mrs. McLellan, 50 Cleveland Drive.

Harold - Mrs. Graham, 6 Milngavie Street, Kelvinside -

whom they said were expecting them although they hadn't heard from them.

Mr. Tant agreed that we could not give permission, but that it was for him to do so.

23.12.69.

Miss Gordon rang to say Mrs. Skimmings had rung saying they had arranged/

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arranged for Catherine to stay until the weekend and for her to return home on Christmas afternoon would upset all their plans. Told Miss Gordon of my visits. Apparently Catherine is not staying at Winton Drive at all.

I 'phoned Mrs. Skimmings (Scotsstoun 3632) who expressed her disappointment at receiving a note from Mr. Tant asking that Catherine should return on the 3.10 'bus. This was very upsetting since they had arranged various parties up until the week-end. Told her of my understanding of the arrangements and that the Father had not been contacted previously.

Mrs. Skimmings confirmed that she had made a 'secret' arrangement with Catherine to 'phone her every 2 weeks so that she could "pour" out all her troubles to her".

Talked of Catherine's -----3rd Party Information-----
---3rd Party Information---

We talked of the problems for the Children of adjusting to a new way of life and of how difficult it was for her to lose touch with Catherine.

I made it clear that her parent's needed to be consulted about the Children going on holiday. I think Mrs. Skimmings felt we were more involved than we really are.

Rang Miss Gordon again. She has suggested that Drina and Harold stay at Winton Drive for both nights and visit their Aunts whilst they are there.

Miss A.B.J. Hunter.

24.12.69.

TANT FAMILY.

6.1.70. Jeanette and Harold called at the office with a note from the Father for shoes. Harold showed me the shoes he was wearing and brought his other pair with him. Both were in a bad state and beyond repair. He only had a pair of sandals left. Rang Social Work Department who said they would help. Jeanette and Harold went to Social Work Department.

5.1.70. Mr. McLean, Social Work Services Group rang. Mr. Tant had written to Secretary of State asking about the Children's bank books which Barnardo's did not return and could he be allowed to withdraw the money to buy sheets and shoes for the Children. Gave Mr. McLean "The Gist" and he said he would contact Miss Peggy Wilson. He had a word with Miss Simpson (Miss Wilson ill) who said she would look into the matter. I then told him of my contact with Mrs. Thompson in the meantime - the bank books at Winton Drive, kept there at Miss Innes' request and that Mrs. Thomson would send them to me.

15.1.70. Miss Wilson 'phoned - expressed my concern re the Father's care of the Children.

- 6.4.62. Father, Terence, Catherine & Harold 6 Burdiehouse Drive, Edinburgh.
Headmaster, Miss Cairns, Miss Young, Jeanette & Alexandrina, at
Burdiehouse School, Edinburgh.
Headmistress, class teacher and Stephen at Duncan Street School
Inspector Thomson, R.S.S.P.C.C.
- 9.4.62. Mother, Mr. Macdonald, 2 St. David's Place, Edinburgh.
Mr. Sloan, Education Department.
Mr. Thomson, Child Guidance Clinic.
Mrs. Catterall, Child Guidance Clinic.
Mr. Leslie, seen by Miss Garland.
- 10.4.62. Mr. Foley, School Attendance Officer.
Mother, Mr. Macdonald, Stephen, Jeanette, Catherine, Harold,
Rosemary, Thomas, 2 St. David's Street.

Name Harold Robert TANT

Age 10.8.58

Admitted 30/5/62

CONDITION ON ADMISSION

Height 3 ^{FT} inches 4 ¹ / ₂	Weight 2 ⁵ ^r lbs. 12
Appearance and demeanour	✓
Cleanliness and General Care	hair up to date on admission.
Marks of violence or injury	None
Vaccination	Umbilicus ✓
Immunisation	Genitals ✓
Other Prophylaxis 12 Stings -	Nervous system ✓
General condition ✓	Skeletal system ✓
Muscle tone ✓	Bowel control ✓
Skin and hair ✓	Bladder control ✓
Eyes ✓	Mental development ✓
Ears ✓	Attitude to children ✓
Mouth none all teeth	Attitude to adults ✓
Nose ✓	Speech ✓
Throat ✓	Other observations Per Plan - ✓
Glands ✓	(a) Anaemia ✓
Lungs ✓	(b) Rickets ✓
Heart ✓	
Abdomen ✓	

Medical officer's signature L. A. P. Date 31.5.62

Despatch his form to Case Dept., Stepney Causeway, E.1

LOCATION (For Head Office use only)

30/5/62	Glasgow		

SCHOOL REPORTS - June, 1964.

Hyndland Primary School Annexe.

Harold Tant.	P.1.2.	May, 1964.	Reading	good.
			Writing	fair.
			Arithmetic	good.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes

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Mr. H. Woolfson,
1, Turnberry Avenue,
GLASGOW, W.1.

16th. February, 1966.

Dear Dr. Woolfson,

We received a letter at the end of last week from Dr. Helen Scott, Kelvindale School Doctor, which I am forwarding on to you. As you will see it is about Harold Tant. We too have been a bit worried about him recently with regards to his restlessness and also he has been having rather bad nightmares at night sometimes, which I think we mentioned to you previously.

Regarding the limp, there doesn't seem to be much sign now but perhaps sometime you could come and have a look at him. We informed the school Doctor that Harold is a patient of yours and that we would like you to see him first, as they rather wanted us to Take him to the clinic at the hospital.

Thanking you for all the help in the past,
I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Horace F. Thompson

H. F. THOMPSON
SUPERINTENDENT:

W 1960F

THE CORPORATION OF GLASGOW
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Kelvindale SCHOOL

11 - 2 - 1966

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him to attend.

Yours faithfully

Helen M. Scott

School M.O.

Prof Dr Macpherson

11/11

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OUR REF:

YOUR REF:

School Report, as at 20th June, 1966.

Harold Tent.

Mental. Arithmetic.

Poor

Formal.

Fair.

Problem.

Poor

Dictation.

Good

Spelling

Good

English

Fair.

Writing

Fair.

Reading

Good.

Poetry.

Good.

Diligence.

Fair.

General Behaviour

Fair.

Attendance.

Good.

Number in class.

30

Position in class.

4th quarter.

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School M.O.

Prof Dr Macfarlane

11/2/41

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Copy sent to - Mr. Thompson, Winton Drive, for information.

BT/JHR

30th March, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn,
1 Burma Road,
R.A.F. Faldingworth,
MARKET RASEN,
Lincolnshire.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn,

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of our Glasgow Home have passed on to me your letter to them of the 20th March. Please accept my apologies for the resultant delay in my reply.

It is most kind of you to offer a holiday to Harold - thank you very much indeed. His school term does not end until the 30th June, and, in view of the length of their Summer holiday, I would not be happy to ask for additional time off for any of our children. All the children from 25 Winton Drive go on holiday together from the 5th to the 23rd of August, and return to school on the 29th of August.

If you would like Harold to have a holiday with you, within these dates, no doubt you will be good enough to let me know.

Normally, when arranging for any children to spend a holiday with friends, we ask to be allowed to visit the family to whose home they have been invited. In the event of your wishing to have Harold for a holiday, would you be willing for me to ask one of my colleagues in your district to visit you to discuss the matter further?

I look forward to hearing from you, and would thank you again for your very kind offer.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. B. THOMPSON)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

ANNUAL REPORT UPON CHILD

If L.A. case please
tick and submit
extra copy.



(To be completed and sent to Area within
5-7 months of the last Branch Home
Annual Review)

Edinburgh Children's Dept.,

BRANCH 23, Winton Drive, Glasgow, W.2.

Date 1st. March, 1968.

Name (in full) TANT Harold Robert Date of Admission 30.5.62

Date of Birth 10.8.58

1. HEALTH. Report details of illnesses, medical treatment, etc., since last report.

Last Medical - Health perfect.

2. SCHOOL. Attainment and progress (where possible attach copy of last report).

Kelvindale Primary School. Last report stated he could do better, does not concentrate very well.

3. FAMILY CONTACTS.

Father writes occasionally. Older sister who is in an approved school writes sometimes. Two sisters also in Home with him.

4. FRIENDS.

Mr. & Mrs. Graham have Harold out most Sundays for lunch and tea. He has quite a few school friends.

GENERAL REPORT. To include child's progress, interests, behaviour, achievements, development of personality, etc.

Harold is quite a nice little boy, mischievous at times. He is quite big for his age which sometimes people forget. Life Boys and also plays football for them sometimes. He enjoys life to the full.

Continue overleaf
if necessary.

Signature of Superintendent

H. J. Thompson

Seen by E.O./A.E.O.

B. Traubath

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES,
GLASGOW

Copy sent to Mr. Thompson.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHILDREN'S OFFICER

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EDINBURGH CORPORATION

CHILDREN DEPARTMENT



BT/SGS.

YOUR REF

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE 4 ROTHESAY TERRACE

M/JI.

EDINBURGH 3

Miss Innes.

TELEPHONE:
031-225 7145

TELEGRAMS "CHILDREN, EDINBURGH" OR ASK FOR

25th June, 1968.

Dear Mrs. Trembath,

Harold Tant,
23, Winton Drive, Glasgow.

Thank you for your letter of 21st June with the news of a holiday offer for Harold. I am very pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn are maintaining their interest in Harold and I should be most willing for you to accept, on our behalf, their kind offer to take him from the 19th July till August 6th.

May I presume that we can leave the arrangements about any clothing and pocket-money required to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson?

Yours sincerely,

John H. Innes

Children's Officer.

Mrs. B. Trembath,
Regional Executive Officer,
Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
22, Drumsheugh Gardens,
Edinburgh, 3.

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OUR REF DFT.

YOUR REF

Mrs. Tant,
22, Springwell Place,
Gorgie Road,
EDINBURGH.

20th. May, 1969.

Dear Mrs. Tant,

Just a few lines to let you know that Drena, Catherine and Harold will be coming to Edinburgh on Saturday 24th. May. They will be arriving at St. Andrews Bus Station about 11.20 a.m., I will tell them to wait there until someone comes. I should be grateful if you could see them on a bus in the evening about 6.0 p.m. so that they arrive in Glasgow soon after seven.

Yours sincerely,

D. F. THOMPSON
SUPERINTEND NT.

THE CORPORATION OF GLASGOW
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Kelvindale Primary SCHOOL

13th June, 1969.

Mr. Thompson,
Superintendent.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

It isn't often I have to add a note to the teacher's report.

Harold is most disruptive in class at times and in constant trouble with other teachers too. Continual reprimanding is wearing on the class teacher and if his behaviour doesn't improve next session, some action will have to be taken.

I regret I have to make this report.

Yours sincerely,

Agnes T. Kinniburgh

Head Teacher.

30/6/69.

Mrs Thompson tel'd to say that Harold has developed a tick - shakes his head rhythmically & constantly to one side. She has consulted Dr. about this. Together they agreed that this may be based in recent "going-home" - not only Tants to their family - but H other boys have been restored - or on holiday with view to restoration lately -

When home last w/end - Dina said that M. told them that "now that Jeanette home - Dina would be going home too" - but "Harold & Catherine weren't able to" - Harold upset about this. Both he & Dina had run crying from dining room recently when Mrs T. spoke to them Harold going to god-parents (Grabams) for few days holiday (30th to 5th July).

HAROLD TANT.

22.7.69. If Mrs. Tant asks Mrs. Thompson will suggest a holiday from 24th - 30th July.

Left message for Miss Innes re payment for this period.

ABJH.

Back 11 p.m.

Mrs. Tant rang asking if Harold could stay. Referred to me.

2nd August.

?Friday 25th - 30th - Harold.

DR. BARNARDO'S

**STATISTICAL FORM AT TIME OF F.C.S./RES; RES; REMOVAL
 ATTAINING 18 YEARS WHILE IN CARE; ANY OTHER MOVE**

Area Stamp

i.e. Appr. Sch., Hosp. for severely Subnormal, etc.
 This form to be completed (*in type*) for every child and sent to Central
 Records, within 4 weeks of date of above. Copy to be kept in child's
 file.

X to be put in boxes where applicable. If insufficient space to complete
 a section, put an X in P.T.O. box and continue overleaf, giving No.
 of section.

1. (a) Has child been in our care previously? Yes No

(b) or been on FCS? Yes No

(c) Have any siblings or half-siblings been in our care? Yes No

(d) Have any siblings or half-siblings been on FCS? Yes No

if (c) or (d) give full names Jeanette, Alexandrina and Catherine.

2. Name Harold Robert Tant

SEX
 M F

3. Age at Admission Age at going on F.C.S./Res, etc. Length of time in care

Years 3 Months 9 Years 11 Months 2 Years 7 Months 4

4. State whether child:—

F.C.S./Res. Res. Rem. Attained 18 Any other moves (describe)

5. Brief reasons for leaving care:

Mother able to provide accommodation.

6. <u>Type of care</u> (N.B. State capacity)	<u>Length of time in care</u>	<u>Family contacts in each place (see notes overleaf)</u>			P.T.O.
		<u>Hols. at home</u>	<u>Visits of chn. home</u>	<u>Visits of parents to chn.</u>	
(1) <u>B.H.</u>	Yrs. <u>7</u> Mnths. <u>4</u>	N.	G.	F.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)	Yrs. Mnths.				<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)	Yrs. Mnths.				<input type="checkbox"/>
(4)	Yrs. Mnths.				<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Brief reasons for staying in care each year (from Annual Review)

Parents separated and neither able to care for children. P.T.O.

8. Type of school Primary School. Types of job (see notes overleaf)

No. of school moves

No. of moves of job

9. Summary of any particular problems of this child whilst in care

None. P.T.O.

None

10. Specific problems of the child at time of F.C.S./Res., etc.

None. P.T.O.

None

Signed E.O./A.E.O. _____ Date _____

THE CORPORATION OF GLASGOW
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Kelvindale Primary SCHOOL
11 Dorchester Place, W.2.
22nd. October,

1969.

Harold Tant (10.8.58.)

Enrolled - 24.8.64.
Left - 22.10.69.
Class - Primary VII.

Gradings.

Mathematics - D.
Language Arts - D.
Environmental Studies - D.

Recently Harold has shown an aptitude in art and an interest in the Science T.V. Programmes.

Attendance - Satisfactory.

Agnes T. Kinniburgh
Head Teacher.

THE CORPORATION OF GLASGOW
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Kelvindale Primary SCHOOL

22nd. October, 19 69.

Mr. H.F. Thompson,
Superintendent
Dr. Barnardo's Home.

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your letter regarding Harold's
departure.

I don't think his parents will recognise him. He has
become a tall, well made boy who looks older than his years.
His attainments are not satisfactory though his interest has
been aroused in Art and Science.

I hope he will settle down in his home but I am sure
he will never forget his seven years with you.

Yours sincerely,

Agnes T. Kennelburgh
Head Teacher.

S.M.

TANT CHILDREN.

Mrs. Hossack, Social Work Department, Victoria Street, visits the family twice a week and, in fact, saw Drina and Catherine last night. Had no idea Drina ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Children all with father (Drina, Catherine, Harold and Jeanette) at Wheatfield Terrace. Mother at Springwell Place.

Harold in Court last Thursday for a trivial offence - stealing three bottles of sauce. Other previous trivial offences. Did go off on a train and flown back and met at Turnhouse by Mrs. Hossack. Unfortunately had a scathing school report although home background report was a very fair one. Sheriff Aikman Smith - Harold to be taken into Care and back to Barnardo's where he was so happy.

Mrs. Hossack delayed contacting us because, although she has asked for Probation, thinks Sheriff A-S. likely to do the same again. Have we any vacancies?

Jeanette is ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Mrs. Hossack will ring on Friday in the hope that we can help. Said I did not think we had any vacancies and that I did not feel Winton Drive would be an appropriate placement.

What do you think? *

1.12.70.

ABJH.

Told his Thomas of Mrs Hossack's involvement.

*Agree. * I don't know ~~many~~ Harold
A vacancy. or w/d when
we get stable (??) some*

Harold Task.

20.1.71 Discussion with Tim Hossack L.A SW
ABJH. SM

Present Situation

Harold was committed to care off LA last Thursday & is at home pending a vacancy being found for him.

Parents + family F in Wheelhead Terrace with

Harold, Drina, Catherine & Jeanette & babe

M is at F's house each time SW calls
Drina hates St Nicholas.

Jeanette does well with babe.

Rosemary
Catherine
Susan

} in care Feb 22 - pithegy charge

Harold

Reputation as leader of wee boys in neighbourhood.

Discussed possible placement (handicapped by abuse or D. Evans psychiatric assessment)

? Redhall - advantage that siblings could join him if committed later. - But likely to close & children be sent to smaller home
W/Drove - families - long term

SM explained that owing to state shortage
- no vacancies currently.

Plan

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DR. BARNARDO'S

Area Stamp

To: The Analyst,
H.Q.

Applications declined for lack of room

1. Applicant Mrs. Hossack, Social Work Department, 11 Victoria Street, Edinburgh.
2. Home address of family 2 Wheatfield Terrace, Edinburgh.

Candidate/s
Sex

M.

Age

Born 10/8/58

Please tick where appropriate

White	Fully Col.	Half-caste
✓		

4. Nature of request for help, i.e. Long term, temporary, shelter, Hostel etc.
Request for placement in one of our Branch Homes.

Sgd. E.O./A.B.O.

Date 9/2/71.

9th January, 1971

PSYCHIATRIC REPORT

Harold Robert Tant a.o.b. 10:8:58. 2 Wheatfield Terrace, Edinburgh

The information in this report is based on my interview with the boy and his father together and separately as well as information available from the Court and the Social Work Department.

Family Background Father is aged 50, has been unemployed for some time. His marriage to the mother of Harold is said by him to have broken up in April 1962 necessitating Harold's admission to Dr. Barnardo's Home in October of that year.

Mother who has had nine children, has been co-habiting since she left father and a divorce eventually took place.

Of the offspring, Jeanette has ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

Personal Background Harold was cared for by his mother until the age of four when she deserted. After some time he was placed in the Dr. Barnardo's Home at Wynton Drive Glasgow. While there he appears to have got into some difficulties, being rather aggressive and ending with him being prescribed phenobarbitone as a sedative.

Nevertheless in October 1969, it was considered desirable for him to leave the Home and live with mother. Within nine weeks his mother had realised that she could not cope with him being out of control and running out of the house. For that reason he went to live with father where he has remained for the past twelve months.

During this time his school work has been poor and he has caused difficulties. This information is also available and suggests that father has also been difficult with the school authorities.

At home, father does not appear to be too concerned but is only able to give much information.

As for the offence which has led to him being charged neither Harold nor father appear to be particularly concerned about these instances.

Observations During the joint interview with Harold and father together it became clear that communication between them was limited indeed. Father talked /

talked about Harold almost as if he was not there while Harold was somewhat indifferent and nonchalant to an extreme degree. There appeared to be a little embarrassment or concern in either.

Father is able to talk about his son's problems and appears to have an intellectual awareness. He is a passive, somewhat impersonal man who does not assume affective responsibility nor does it enter his head that the quality of parental care that Harold receives is limited.

Equally Harold struck me as socially insensitive, somewhat indifferent about his offences and more concerned with survival.

Opinion This boy was separated from his parents for 7 years. Within a matter of weeks his mother found that she could not cope with him. In contrast father is less disturbed. This does arise however from father's lack of awareness of what is required of him as a parent especially when there is no mother in the household. In consequence this boy is in my opinion, considerably neglected. His lack of progress at school as well as lack of care at home makes him highly susceptible seeking satisfactions from delinquent influences.

Although the offence with which this boy was charged was relatively minor I consider him so much a risk that I feel he should be once more removed from the family. As I hear that Dr. Barnardos Home at Wynton Drive, Glasgow are prepared to have him back, I consider at this stage that this should be a preferable disposal to that of an approved school.

(signed) JOHN EVANS
Consultant Psychiatrist.




(EXTRACT FROM WEEKLY LOG SHEET).

HAROLD TANT.

16.3.71.

Harold enrolled at Knightswood School.



DR. BARNARDO'S

ADMISSION/ F.C.S. RECOMMENDATIONS

(To be TYPED in duplicate : ONE copy for Analyst)

1st signer	
2nd signer	
3rd signer	

SURNAME TANT.

APPLICATION REGISTER NUMBER

789.

FIRST RECOMMENDATION. (Including placement and maintenance contribution or Grant, with calculations.)

Re-admitted Harold to Winton Drive on 10th March, 1970. On payment by Edinburgh Social Work Department, 14 Castle Terrace, EDINBURGH, EH1 2EF. Admission recommended by Sheriff following Court appearance.

Report attached - further reports to follow.

Signed

Date

P.T.O.

A.O. 220

SUBSEQUENT RECOMMENDATIONS. (Each to be signed and dated.)

Agreed.

12/3/71.

HAROLD TANT.

28.4.71. Discussion with Staff.

Still expressing negative feelings about home and not willing to visit there on his own. Said Father just lies in bed and gives him orders. Very pleased to see Jeannette's baby again.

Some complaints from School, but not serious ones.

Miss Massey to explore the possibility of Adventure Training Course, at Hafod Meurig.

Miss S.A. Massey.

DR. BARNARDO'S

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO A SPECIAL SCHOOL

1. Name and Department of Local Authority... EDINBURGH SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT 2. Date March '71

3. FULL NAME OF CANDIDATE	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	HAVE DETAILS BEEN CHECKED WITH BIRTH CERTIFICATE?	WHETHER LEGITIMATE
TANT, Harold Robert	10/8/58	Edinburgh	Yes	Yes

4. Baptised? Yes 5. In what Faith? 6. Date and Place

7. Present address of candidate—c/o... 2 Wheatfield Terrace, Edinburgh

8. which is in the area of the County Council/Borough Council of... Edinburgh

9. Is the child in the care of the Children's Department? Yes

10. Schools attended

Name of School From To

- (a)
- (b) Ernestcastle Secondary School
- (c)

11. Father's name

Terence Yellowlees Tant

Date of birth aged 39 Nationality Scottish

Race

Religious denomination

If living, state:

Address 2 Wheatfield Road, Edinburgh.

Occupation

If dead, state:

Date and place of death

12. Mother's name

(see questions respecting father)

Martha Alexandria Mackenzie or Tant

aged 39

Scottish

22 Springwell Place, Edinburgh.

13. If the parents are divorced or separated give details regarding custody of the child and rights of access

Parents separated..... Mother cohabiting with Mr. MacDonald

Parents:

14. Are the parents, or other relations, likely to take a real interest in the child? Yes

15. Is their interest likely to be helpful? Yes, but there will be problems!

16. Will they visit during term? Harold may visit home more often.

17. Will they provide suitable holidays? Short ones possibly.

18. If the child is not living at home, or home conditions would not be suitable for holiday, what holiday arrangements would be made?

19.

SIBLINGS		
NAME	AGE	PRESENT ADDRESS
Terence	19	In Army
Steven	18	" "
Jeannette	17	With Father
Alexandria	15	" "
Catherine	13	" "
Rosemary	10	With Mother
Thomas	9	" "
Angela	6	" "

20. Child's character and temperament:

(a) What are the child's relationships with:

(i) Other children, including his/her family? "Fairly close to siblings". Gets on quite well with other children.

(ii) Adults?

(b) Is he/she sociable or solitary?.....Quite sociable.....

(c) Has he/she shown any delinquent tendencies?.. Yes - see Court appearance report.....

Please include detailed information about the child in the case history below.

21. Please give case history, attaching copies of relevant medical, educational, psychiatric and other reports.

See Social Enquiry Report.

Please continue on another sheet if necessary.

Signed Oliver Hosack (Mrs.) social worker.....

HAROLD TANT.

- 1.5.71. Harold refused to go to School at first but afterwards went very reluctantly; Mr. Thompson passed him on the way to School with the other children so gave him a lift and discussed the problem with him, also with Miss Methven his teach and House-parent. Apparently misses Eric and has been slow to make other friends yet. School very helpful and understanding.

HAROLD TANT - WINTON DRIVE

19.5.71 Discussion at Winton Drive - Mrs. Hossack
Residential Staff
Miss Massey

Mrs. Hossack:-

Father - Much as before. Wanting to know why Harold doesn't visit.

Mother - Seeing Community Nurse at Ward 3 - settling better than expected. But, in trouble with school for keeping her three children off school.

Mother with Terry plus three children plus Mr. McDonald's child. Harold is double of Mr. McDonald's boy (by first marriage) (???)

Jeannette - ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

Catherine - ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

Drina - ----3rd Party Information----

Mr. Thompson:-

Harold - Won't go out. Storing up his pocket money. Must have someone with him. Will not visit home - very reluctant to stay when taken over home - except when option to go to Zoo if wished - then didn't. Row with Mr. Thompson about not going out - doesn't say anything.

Irene - When Drina 'phones, Harold said "What does that fat pig want".

Mr. Thompson - Never says anything against Jeannette and baby.

Miss Massey - Very black and white? - Winton Drive/Home.

Mrs./

Mrs. Thompson - In the Home - much rowing between John plus Harold re Christopher.

(Christopher - gets all the children rattled - brighter than they are and is getting bullied by Harold and John)

Mrs. Hossack - How is Harold in relationships with girls?

Mr. Thompson - Harold - naive sexually - likes the company of girls, but nothing apparent in that line.

Mrs. Hossack - need of Father-figure - Mr. Thompson is supplying this ?any others apart from Mr. Thompson.

Godparents interested - but Harold at present not wanting to go.

Stays late at school to play sports.

Summary

1) Although showing signs of disturbance, this may well be inevitable settling in and trying to come to terms with family's inadequacies.

2) Castle in air broken on restoration - job now to put pieces together.

3) Think in terms of Adventure Training at a later date

4) ?? Holiday at home in Summer if he is willing to go.

(MISS S.A. MASSEY)

Copies to: Mrs. Hossack
Mr. Thompson

Harold Tall

May / June / July

In various discussions with Mr Thompson, he said he felt Harold was needing many more outlets than is possible at W/Drive - and more boys of his own age-group

Tentative suggestion that he goes to Tyndalton when Mr + Mrs Thompson on holiday as young people shall find him v. difficult.

Harold not willing - Strong feelings again
Mr + Mrs Beattie (whom he knew over past years when they relieved at W/D when Mr + Mrs (away))

Harold Tait.

28.7.71 Phoned Mrs Hossack.

Asked if Edinburgh Corp able to offer any financial help towards holiday in Blackpool.

Mrs H will require a phone back

Mrs Hossack, phoned to say Dept will pay £5
Add to acc.

29.7.71 Discussed Harold briefly with

Mr + Mrs Falconer. ?? if they feel it possible to consider him, we would make this suggestion to Harold & talk with CCO.

Mr + Mrs F felt he could be considered if he wanted to come & see.

30.7.71 Mr T said they have asked Harold if he would rather be in a larger home where more pals etc - Harold says he is not interested. This was only a "passing conversation".

SM/AH

4th August, 1974.

Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Thompson,
c/o The Dianne,
25 Hornby Road,
BLACKPOOL C.,
Lancashire.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thompson,

I do hope you and everyone are having good weather and enjoying the change.

I thought I would let you know the outcome of some contacts I have been making -

1. Re: Harold Tant and his future.

I have spoken to Mrs. Hossack and she could come over when I am at Winton Drive on the 17th of August and we could perhaps talk about the future then, when Harold could be available to join in also.

I stressed to Mrs. Hossack that we were not thinking in terms of any immediate action, but help Harold look at this when time is on our side.

2. Re: Paul ----3rd Party
Information----

----3rd Party Information----

3. Re: Donna ----3rd Party
Information----

----3rd Party Information----

(2)

needs.

If she has not contacted you by about August 24th, would you
'phone here and see how the matter stands.

Yours sincerely,

(MISS S.A. MASSEY)
Assistant Divisional Children's Officer, Scotland.

Harold Tank.

11.8.71

Mr Thompson phoned from Blackpool. (22572)

Harold has been getting along v. well with the son of the person who runs the Hotel where they are staying. (Mr Raymond Hart) He is in his 30's a student at the Bible College in Birmingham & he & his fiancée would like to have Harold stay on for another 7-8 days and would bring him back to Glasgow when they come up there to see his grandmother.

Mr Hart & fiancée have been running the hotel while his mother is in Glasgow visiting her mother - but will not be taking any guests next week so could look after Harold.

Thompsons feel they have never seen Harold so relaxed. Told them - and Harold, we would need to get parents permission and S/W depts.

Mr Hossack not available until to-morrow.

Discussed with Peggy Wilson.

She was tempted to advise us to take a risk - ? try to get used paid by

Blackpool (Lancashire) S/W Dept. Felt they had delegated care to us - so we should do what we ^{thought}

I said we had such a dicey relationship with parents - no time to really cover this couple otherwise -urse etc.

~~Discussed~~

Discussed with BT

Decided to phone Blackpool ^{S/W Dept} - see if S/W would visit if Harold stays on.

If parents agree - OK.

Phoned Blackpool Soc Serv. Dept. (25212)

Thos Ashworth said v. willing to help

Suggests Harold is asked to call us to see Mr Armatage on Wednesday.

If he doesn't or isn't happy they will let us

Copy to Winton
Drive
Copy to Miss Hossack.

Miss Ashworth,
Social Service Dept,
Municipal Offices,
Sefton Street,
BLACKPOOL.

August 15th, 1971

Dear Miss Ashworth,

re: Harold Tant (d of b 10.8.58)
23, Winton Drive,
GLASGOW W2.

- - -

Further to my telephone call of August 12th, I am writing to confirm that Harold will be staying on at The Diane Hotel, Hornby Rd, Blackpool C, until Saturday or Sunday, August 21st or 22nd.

He will be in the care of Mr Raymond Hart and his fiancée. Mr Hart is the son of the owner of the Hotel, but she is away visiting relatives in Glasgow and there will be no guests in the Hotel next week I understand.

As we arranged, Harold will call at your Department and ask to see Mr Armitage next Wednesday, August 18th.

Briefly, the situation regarding Harold is that he and his sisters were placed in Winton Drive, one of our small 'family group' Homes in 1962. He returned to the care of his parents in October 1969, but unfortunately was in trouble earlier this year and was committed to the care of the Edinburgh Children's Dept. He returned to Winton Drive, but we feel he is finding the present group there rather unsatisfying and he has a great need for more stimulating activities. It was therefore good that when the group came down to The Diane on holiday, that Harold made a very positive relationship with Mr Hart. Harold's father has given his approval to Harold staying on for the further week.

We are most grateful to you for your willingness to see Harold during this week and if we do not hear from you we will know that you are of the opinion that all is going well.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss S.A. Massey)

Assistant Childrens Officer, Scotland.

HAROLD TANT.

17.3.71.

Mrs. Thompson commented that the first thing that Harold did on arriving at Blackpool, was to go out and buy a present for his Mother.

Miss S.A. Massey.

25.7.12
C. J. [unclear]

Harold Tank.

22.9.71

Phoned Mrs Hossack.

1) clothy bills

If we spend more than £50 over the first year - balance will be paid by S/W Dept.
(SM to write for policy decision on this)

2 Holiday contribution

OK to add £5 to bill

3 Termination date for Miss Hossack (w/Drove 18/10/71)

4 Catherine playing up & saying she wants to be taken into care 'like Harold'

Seeing Mrs Hossack weekly

Being called "V.D Tank" at school - because seen as teachers pet.

Skipping school + staying out sometimes

Stealing

Mrs H feels she will need to bring her before a hearing.

?? join Harold whenever he might go.

HAROLD TANT.

- 15.8.71. Harold rang in the evening to say that he missed us and wanted to return but we suggested that he rang back the next day in case he felt different.
- 16.8.71. Harold rang in the evening decided that he wanted to stay for the week.
- 24.9.71. Harold was taken to meet Mr. and Mrs. Falconer and was shown over "Glasclune". His comments were "It's great" - have not as yet discussed possibilities of his going there until you suggest the right time to do so.

the closest relationship of all the sibs.

of not poor, but of thinking of
pushing for a place in a corporate
family name - but wd. prefer not
esp. as families are so well known to

Dr. B's.

Cath herself thinks she is going
to an approved school (her Dad has
told her this) and Harold has apparently
expressed a lot of anxiety about Cath. lately.

C.A.

Copy to Mr. Thompson.
Miss Hossack

HAROLD TANT born 10.8.58.

Discussion at Winton Drive on 2.11.71.

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Thompson
Miss Mausey.
Mrs. Hossack - (Unable to attend)
Miss E. Bradley.
Miss C. Amory.

Harold:-

Mr. Thompson - "Needs a man about the place". "Having difficulty in changing from being a small boy -) youth". "Wanting to find someone to identify with".

Harold has apparently struck up a big friendship with the son of the Proprietor of the Hotel in Blackpool.

It was commented that he has reason to be rather disgusted with the men in his life - his father, his two brothers and Mr. McDonald, his mother's cohabitee.

"Women are a menace to Harold, he lives to torment them".

Harold sometimes visits Mother in Edinburgh and she gives him a few pence. She is clean, tidy and looks for him (Harold doesn't get this attention from Mr. Tant).

Mrs. Thompson: - Mrs. Thompson remarked that Harold was very mixed up in wanting and not wanting to go to a party (Halloween) - which was really far below his age group. *Wants T to talk him - and Elizabeth to wash his hair.*

Harold's rudeness is noteworthy too.

(Discussion curtailed as children in the house began to need attention).

Miss C. Amory.
Social Worker.

HAROLD AND CATHERINE TANT - WINTON DRIVE.

Home visit to Tants - 2 Wheatfield Terrace.

Standard of living surprisingly high. Mr. Tant - story about perhaps moving to Westerhailes. Similarly Mrs. Tant is moving out to Westerhailes (to be near the rest of the family?).

Father said "Harold would only stay at his home for 5 minutes - rest of time at Mum's. "He didn't care - Harold wanted to go into Navy - Merchant or Royal". Said Harold would find it tough.

Felt the Hearing was the fairest he'd been to. Catherine was actually asked if she wanted to go away - no question of being "put away".

In touch with a Mrs. Carruthers from the "Cruelty" who was seeing to their rehousing. Also found Mrs. Hossack "very civil".

I got the impression that Mr. Tant thrived on his welfare visitors.

Message that they were "asking for Catherine and Harold". Jeanette wanted to know where they were going on holiday next year. Spoke of Harold's friend at the Hotel. (Blackpool).

I said I was being introduced to Mrs. Tant (Catherine and Harold's mother) by Mrs. Hossack next Friday.

(MISS C.M.H. AMORY)
Social Worker

CATHERINE AND HAROLD
TANT

Mackenzie)
18.2.72. Home visit to Mrs. Tant)

Mrs. Mackenzie in with Rosemary, all children off school because of
colds.

Spoke immediately of plans to move. Got the key to new house yesterday
address: 6/5 Brocchouse, Hedway, Top Flat.

This is a 4 apartment building and they are moving "so Harold can
come and live with them". Mrs. Mackenzie said Mr. Tant would not have
Harold back at house, but she would. She asked how long Harold would be at
Winton Drive.

Brief discussion about furniture needed for new house. I said that
as Mrs. Hossack knew them already, that it would probably be appropriate to
contact her about our matters of concern re Winton Drive, and I was in contact
with Mrs. Hossack.

(MISS C.M.H. AMORY)
Social Worker

Harold

Comments by E. Anon. March 1972
(When in Residence)

Gauche - evokes warm feelings. Stubborn. Extremely low self image judging by tremendous pleasure shown at any praise of his handiwork (eg hammer and fish slice), despite keeping up in other contexts show of being a hard nut. Didn't notice a lot of tormenting Catherine that I'd been warned of.

Harold Tait

13.4.72

Discussion at Winton Drive

W + W Thompson
D. Sutherland
P. Leske
T^m Hossain
L. Fulcher
SM

Harold's reluctance to turn a term of Tyrrellism was attributed to his wish for the status quo.

We looked at alternative possibilities these include

Moredun Group Home - Commander Whittington
vacancy unlikely for some time to come

Plan

Harold agrees to go to Tyrrell
w/c 21/23. See then what his
feelings are.

Arrange for him to call in to see
T^m Hossain on return

THE CORPORATION OF GLASGOW

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Headmaster
NORMAN M. MACAULAY, M.A. (Hons.)

Knightswood Secondary School
60 Knightswood Road
Glasgow, W.3

13th April, 1972.

Harold Tant - I.Q. 89

Admitted to Knightswood on 15.3.71 to First Year. The school runs a common course for all first year pupils so that actual name of class has no relevance. He did very poorly in the first year exam - his overall average was 16% so he was put in to the lowest class in the second year - a class which is on a completely separate scheme of work. During his first months in the school, his behaviour was poor, disruptive in class etc. He enjoyed attracting attention and seemed to revel in indiscipline. However, he has settled very well. His standard of work has improved though he is basically lazy. He has achieved a good place in his class and is enjoying a lot of popularity in his peer group, among both boys and girls. He mixes well with the others, gets into the same amount of mischief as they do and is generally a satisfactory pupil.



A.G. Methven
Assistant Head Teacher

Dr. Barnardo's Homes : National Incorporated Association

OFFICER'S REPORT RE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION OR HELP

Date of Application 4th April, 1962.

Date of Report 10th April, 1962.

APPLICATION NUMBER

Name and Address of Applicant Father: Mr. Tant, 6 Burdiehouse Drive, Edinburgh.

	FULL NAME OF CANDIDATE	BIRTH		HAS BIRTH CERTIFICATE BEEN SEEN?	WHETHER LEGITIMATE
		DATE	PLACE		
1.	STEPHEN THOMAS TANT	5.5.52.	Edinburgh.	attached	yes
2.	JEANNETTE MARGARET TANT	22.6.53.	Penicuik	do.	yes
3.	ALEXANDRINA FRANCES TANT	29.1.55.	do.	do.	yes
4.	CATHERINE DRUMMOND TANT	23.8.57	do.	do.	yes
5.	HAROLD ROBERT TANT	10.8.58.	Edinburgh	do.	yes

Do above names correspond with those on Birth Certificates? 1 yes for all five. 3

Are Medical Cards available? 1 yes for all five 3

Baptised? 1 none have been baptised. 4 In what Faith? 1 2 3 4

Date and Place 1 2 3 4

Any objection to Nonconformist training if case C. of E.? Any objection to C. of E. training if case Nonconformist?

Present Address of Candidate—c/o 6 Burdiehouse Drive,
which is in the area of the County Council/Borough Council, of EDINBURGH.

Attended Day-school—if so, which, and for how long? Stephen has been at Duncan Street Special School since Aug. 1960, previously at South Bridge School. Jeannette and Alexandrina at Burdiehouse School

Attended Sunday-school—if so, which, and for how long? no

Has Candidate ever attended a school for educationally sub-normal children—if so, which, and for how long?
Stephen - Duncan Street School since August 1960.

General Health good Ever had fits, or is subject to fits? no Birthweight (if for adoption) lbs

Had Measles: All five Scarlet Fever? no Whooping-cough? all five

Diphtheria? no Immunised: all five ag. Polio, Chicken Pox, all five Mumps, Stephen

Any other malady or physical defect? no Polio, dip. & d been vaccinated ag. smallpox.

Mental Capacity: below average. I.Q. if known? see reports.

State address at which Candidate last resided for six consecutive months as above

Father's name <u>Terence Tant</u>	Mother's Name <u>Martha McKensie or Tant</u>
Nationality <u>Scot</u>	<u>Scot</u>
Age <u>42</u>	<u>50</u>

If living state— Address <u>6 Burdiehouse Drive, Edinburgh.</u>	If living, state— (See questions respecting Father)— <u>2 St. David's Street, Edinburgh.</u>
Occupation <u>'bus conductor</u>	<u>housewife</u>
Name and address of employer <u>Scottish Omnibuses Ltd.</u>	<u>nil</u>
Average weekly earnings <u>£9.16.6d. nett (basic wage)</u>	<u>nil</u>
Income from other sources	<u>nil</u>
Family Allowance <u>Parents sharing family allowance according to the no. of children they have with them.</u>	
Condition of health <u>good</u>	<u>pregnant</u>
Character <u>see reports</u>	<u>see reports</u>
Religious Denomination <u>C. of S.</u>	<u>C. of S.</u>
Weekly rent paid <u>£1.13.7d.</u>	<u>nil</u>
If rent in arrear, for how many weeks <u>£5 due</u>	

If dead, state—

Date and place of death.....

Cause of, and age at death.....

Occupation when living.....

Name and address of last employer }

Religious Denomination.....

If there is a Stepfather or Stepmother, state—

Full name and address.....

Occupation and weekly income.....

Names and ages of any children by a previous marriage, dependent on step-parent }.....

Names and ages of any children by present marriage, dependent on step-parent }.....

Particulars contained in Marriage Certificate of Mother and Husband.....

12th May 1950 Haymarket Registry Office, Edinburgh.

Is any National Assistance Benefit received by the Candidate's Parent or Guardian..... If so, to what extent?

Write on the following lines the names and ages of the Candidate's Brothers and Sisters, their occupation and wages. If married, state what family each has.

BROTHERS

NAME	AGE	PRESENT ADDRESS	EMPLOYMENT	WAGES
TERENCE TANT	17.2.51	with father.		
THOMAS TANT	28.5.61	with mother.		

SISTERS

NAME	AGE	PRESENT ADDRESS	EMPLOYMENT	WAGES
ROSEMARY TANT	22.5.60	with mother		

Write on the lines following the full names, addresses, occupations, and earnings of relatives.

GRANDPARENTS

PAT.

NAME	AGE	PRESENT ADDRESS	EMPLOYMENT	WAGES
Catherine Tant	61	} Niddrie, Edinburgh.		
Terence Tant	62			
Mary Bertran and her second husband		4 Broochhouse Drive, E., Edinburgh.		

MAT.

UNCLES AND AUNTS, Etc.

PAT.

MAT.

NAME	AGE	PRESENT ADDRESS	EMPLOYMENT	WAGES
Ian Tant	4ch.	39	44 Lower Calton Road, Edinburgh.	'bus conduster -Corp
Evan Tant	5ch.	37	Grosvenor, Edinburgh.	'bus do. Se.Omnibuse
Ronald Tant	4ch.	32	not known	do.
John Tant	5ch.	35	not known	railway
William Tant	s.	28	not known	'bus conductor.
James Tant	s.	22	not known	do.
Catherine Pugh	5ch.	50	2 or 4 Hay Drive, Edinburgh.	hd. labourer.
Patricia ?	s.	19	not known	hd. bus conductor.
Jean Farry	6ch.	35	Glenziston, Edinburgh.	hd. do.
Mary Belmonte	2ch	29	14 Wilkie Place, Leith.	hd. not known.
James McKenzie	5ch.	28	Muirhouse, Edinburgh.	'bus conductor.
Eva Tant	5ch.	25	wife of P. Imale John and	---3rd Party Information---
Nancy Bertran		14	with m.g.m.	William.
George Bertran		9	do.	
Thomas McKenzie	s.	27	do.	Trawlman.

Parents may be asked to contribute. What amount is offered? Family allowance and father asks to be assessed according to earnings, etc.

Has candidate ever been before the Juvenile Court? If so, state the nature of the offence and decision of the Court

No.

Has Candidate ever been in the c/o a Local Authority? If so, when, where, and for how long?

No.

Has application been made on behalf of Candidate or any Brother or Sister, to any other Organisation? If so, to which, and with what result? **yes - Terence to Aberleau - see reports.**

Give the fullest additional information you can obtain respecting the character, habits, and disposition of Candidate. It should be specially mentioned whether Candidate's habits are clean.

All have clean habits - confirmed by both parents. See reports.

If candidate is not being offered specifically for adoption is it your view that parents might in certain circumstances consider legal adoption?

During your investigation did you feel able to broach the subject of migration? If so what were the parents feelings?

If you felt there were strong reasons against bringing the subject up please record them

Will our agreement be signed by the parents } **Father and Mother.**
or next-of-kin—if so, by whom? }

If A.B.O. case, state who would act as Intermediary

Application of the Father asks us to consider the admission of five of his eight children whose names are recorded overleaf. The eldest boy - Terence - is shortly to be admitted to a Home because of 3rd Party Information. The youngest two are with their mother who left home to live with another man three weeks ago. This man, called Macdonald, had been a lodger in the house for the past year! The mother is pregnant.

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The mother cannot cope with these children since the house consists of two small rooms, and already elderly neighbours have complained about the noise! The mother, therefore, would be glad if we would take the children, with the exception of Rosemary and Thomas who will remain with her and Mr. Macdonald, with whom she lives and who is Tommy's father and the father of her expected child. Mr. Macdonald is an extremely reliable man, a good worker and quite a contrast to her husband who uses obscene language in front of the children. Two months ago, Mr. Macdonald obtained this flat, completely redecorated it, had it rewired and has provided an excellent cooker, water heater, Hoovermatic, fires, iron, television, formica topped tables, other furniture and furnishings; not forgetting small pictures and ornaments. He is buying the house himself and pays £2 per week towards the purchase price. It was implied that most of the recently purchased goods are paid for!

The mother says that the father is a bad influence on the children, mainly because of his language and somewhat violent behaviour and also because he has hardly worked during the past ten years. On two occasions he asked her to become a prostitute to bring more money into the house, once after Stephen was born, and once after Rosemary was born. She refused.

Mr. Macdonald seems to be fond of the children and the children seem fond of him. He is said to be an excellent worker, according to the mother, earning a good wage as a miner and because of his savings was able to furnish the new house so lavishly despite the fact that he has been unemployed for some considerable time. Mr. Macdonald said he moved in with the family about a year ago because of the father's attitude towards the mother, and felt it his duty to stay off work in order to protect the mother and give the children his support. It was he who got the children out to school in the morning (and certainly the school staff confirm that the "uncle" brought the children to school) because the father would not accept this responsibility. Mr. Macdonald intends getting another job almost at once since the mother seems more secure and he anticipates no difficulty over this matter although he was extremely vague as to the type of job he hoped to get. He went on at some length about the father's lurid language and he felt it was his duty to take the mother away from this atmosphere and was also willing to take the four youngest children, but this proved too much for them in their very crowded flat. He and the mother intend living together as man and wife and, if ever the mother gets a divorce, they will marry.

The Children

Terence (Terry) ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Stephen ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Jeanette ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Alexandrina (Sandra) is ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Catherine (Kathleen) ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Harold (Harry) seen at both homes. Has fair curly hair, not very bright looking, has a face rash and a painful looking eye which mother says is having attention.

Rosemary ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Thomas (Tommy) ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Inspector Thomson, R.S.S.P.C.C. advised the father to apply to us, since there seems no hope of reconciliation. There is no question of neglect or cruelty and the R.S.S.P.C.C. cannot take action against the parents. Mr. Thomson commends this application to us.

Mr. Thomson, Child Guidance Clinic, sent the attached copy report.

Mr. Sloan, Education Department hopes that we will help this family, and referred us to Mr. Foley, School Attendance Officer has known the family for some considerable time. When he used to call, he would find Terry digging in the garden, or sitting round the fire with his parents and "an uncle". The father has only recently started work and it is essential that he should keep his job, and, in any case, he is not able to cope with such a large family who lack security and have never really had a chance, although most of them Date and addresses of visits: seem happy enough and always greeted Mr. Foley most affectionately but, after all, he was a regular visitor to the home!

EDINBURGH CORPORATION SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

11, Victoria Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2HD.

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Ctd. from

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SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORT

Regarding TANT, Harold Robert Religion Prot. Born 10.8.58. Age 12
 Marital State Single Address 2, Wheatfield Terrace, Edinburgh
~~was sentenced~~ at Edinburgh Sheriff Juvenile Court on 26.11.70.
 is to appear T.O.L.P. and Mal. Mischief
 Offence James Wright, John Wright, Paul Begbie
 Co-accused James Wright, John Wright, Paul Begbie
 Sheriff/Bailie Agent SER:ASR Cited:RH Bail
 BR :CMR/OTA :HNP/F.C.

Previous Court Appearances:

Date	Court	Offence	Decision of Court	Date of Licence from Institution
18.2.70.	E.B.J.	Theft (2 charges)	Fined £1	

FAMILY: Father:

Terence Yellowlees Tant, Prot., aged 50, is unemployed. He is bronchitic and fit for light work only, but has been unemployed for some time. He is separated from his wife, although they see each other frequently. Mr. Tant has four of the children living with him, and maintains ties with the other children. He is an interested but ineffectual parent, who doesn't appear to exercise much control over the children living with him.

A serving soldier during the War, he retains a certain military attitude towards discipline, without much apparent effect. He has some respect for authority but usually only when it suits his own purpose. He is obviously particularly fond of Jeannette perhaps to the point of over-protectiveness, even dependency on her as a substitute in many ways for the wife he no longer has.

Mother:

Martha Alexandrina Mackenzie, or Tant, aged 39, at present resides with Mr. MacDonald, 22 Springwell Place. Mrs. Tant has borne 9 children, all of whom survive. She married in 1950, and lived with Mr. Tant until 1962, when she went to live with Mr. MacDonald. The children were received into care of the Local Authority since the father was unable to cope. Harold, along with Alexandrina, Jeannette and Kathleen were admitted to Dr. Barnardo's Home in Glasgow, the others were placed in Edinburgh Homes. It should be noted that Mr. Tant was the only parent to visit those children when they were at Dr. Barnardo's in Glasgow.

Feelings between the parents can now only be described as indifferent, and the children seem to have gravitated naturally towards the parent of their own choice, though few of them could be said to be exactly close to their parents. ??

Children:

* Terence	aged 19	In Army
Stoven	" 18	" "
* Jeannette	" 17	Unemployed. With father
Alexandrina	" 15	St. Nicholas School. With father
* Catherine	" 13	Tynocastle School. With father
* Harold	" 12	Offender. Tynocastle. With father
Rosemary	" 10	St. Nicholas. With Mother
Thomas	" 9	Dalry Primary " "
Angela	" 6	St. Nicholas " "
Michele	" 6 weeks.	Daughter of Jeannette

HOME:

Form:

The father's house is a three apartment, second floor flat in old tenement property. There is a degree of over-crowding especially since Jeannette returned with her illegitimate child. They now share a room, while Cathorine and Alexandrina sloop in the living room. Mr. Tant and Harold share a single room off the living room. The home is sparsely furnished, but reasonably clean.

Finance: Mr. Tant receives £11. 1/- Supplementary Benefit
1.18/- Family Allowance

£12.19/-

Jeannette and her child are supported by Department of Health and Social Security independently from her father.

Rent is £61. -. -. per year. Mr. Tant has no insurances but has £5. 1. 5d. per month in H.P. commitments.

HAROLD:

Dr. Barnardo's described Harold as "friendly and talkative, helpful when in the mood, but a little happy-go-lucky when doing tasks set. He generally gets on well with the other children". He was admitted to Dr. Barnardo's in 1962 and remained there until 1969, when he was returned to his father. He seems to have enjoyed good health and takes an active and steady part in games. While at Dr. Barnardo's he was a member of the Boys Brigade, but this seems to have lapsed since coming home. His interests now seem to lie chiefly in the streets around his new home.

Harold attends Tynecastle Secondary School, where his headmaster assesses his character as "aggressive, mal-adjusted, bad-tempered, exhibitionist". His I.Q. is given as 89, and the headmaster observes "He has been troublesome, but recently he seems to be responding. Father is very anti-social and difficult to deal with". There is no record of known truancy.

He seems to want to stay with his father, but is obviously still a little uncertain of his security there at present. He is fairly close to his siblings living at Wheatfield Terrace, although he appears to be better intellectually endowed than they.

Regarding the offence, Harold's attitude is rather jocular, and he cannot really give a cogent reason for committing the offence.

ASSESSMENT:

Harold is the product of a home characterised by parental friction and finally marital disruption. The family are devoid of social or moral training and it is surprising Harold has not been involved in anti-social behaviour to a greater degree. It seems inevitable that committal to care may be the eventual solution, but on this occasion, bearing in mind the nature of the offence, carried out as a group activity, the Court may consider deferring sentence, supervision by means of Probation being impracticable in view of father's ineffectiveness and a monetary penalty being equally impracticable.

Alicia Hossack (Mrs.)

(A. HOSSACK)
Social Worker.

26th November, 1970.

"Summary" of Harold's Trial - Gynther

Admitted to Winter Drive 30.5.62 aged 34.5. 9 months.
left care to go home (father) 23.10.69 aged 41.4. 2 months
Period in care 7 years 4 months.

In care with Jeanette (at first), Dina and Zanne.

X Brief reasons for leaving care: Not able to provide accommodation.

X Brief reasons for staying in care: Parents separated & neither able to care for children.

X see form AO 170 (Rev.) - statistical form

Family contacts:

Father writes occasionally.

Other sister (Jeanette - in approved school) writes sometimes.

Two sisters in care with Harold.

Other contacts:

Mr. & Mrs. Graham? (I knew nothing about)

Miss Adams (dates kick out and tie clock at work)

Mr & Mrs. Bradburn → took Harold for a holiday, great success
Mr. Hawk (Bible college student & Francis) → son of hotel owner in Blackpool and other successful summer visits

Harold went home with his sisters to his father's.

Next contact 1.12.70 from Mrs. Hossain (Sov. Cap. soc. club.)

"Harold in court last Thurs. for trivial offence -

stealing 3 bottles of sauce? Other previous offences.

Went off on a train - flown back to Turnhouse

Court ordered that he had to return to care (should determine. Smith)

"Where he had been so happy."

[NB see W. Swan's Psychiatric Report.]

10.3.71. Harold readmitted to Winter Drive
Culture restricted in December 71.

CATHERINE AND HAROLD TANT

16 5 72 PHONE CALL FROM Mrs HOSSACK

Gave (Saturday) 20th as precise date of move. She has planned to see Mr and Mrs Tant.

NEW ADDRESSES:

MR TANT: 3/1 Broochouse Gardens West.

MRS TANT: 6/5 Broochouse Medway.

Will ring back if anything relevant. Will contact Blackford Brae and Tynholm when children have moved.

Thinks there may have to be another hearing - just a formality to change name and place of residence - will likely not require children to attend.

MISS G. H. M. ALON
Social Worker

copy for Massey

HAROLD TANT BORN 10.8.58.

BRIEF SUMMARY (Please see attached reports for further details).

Harold was admitted to Winton Drive at the request of Edinburgh Children's Department on 30.5.62 when he was 3 years 9 months, along with his three older sisters.

Contact with parents was very limited indeed - Father visited very occasionally, but Mother did not visit at all.

Efforts towards restoration really began in 1967 when more consistent contact was made between Fieldworker and both parents.

The two older girls, Jeanette and Drina ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

Unfortunately, just over two months after Harold returned to live with his Mother, his behaviour became outwith her control and he went to stay with his Father, where he remained until he was called before a Children's Hearing in November 1970 and the recommendation made that he return to Winton Drive.

(MISS S.A. MASSEY)
ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL CHILDREN'S OFFICER, SCOTLAND.

BARNARDO'S
DIVISIONAL OFFICE

EDINBURGH

24/27/DEC 1972

Ref'd to SM

Terence Tant
3/1 Broomhouse Gdns
West
Edinburgh

Dear Miss Massey,

many thanks
for your letter at least I know where
I stand instead of in the dark.
I will answer question by question
first of all may I quote this I don't
misunderstand or do I make
mistakes as I was very highly trained
my first officer being Capt H. R. Leslie
New Lord Birsay from there to the
Far East wounded in action thereafter
a 4 months rigid course by Military Police
for Lewis Mountbatten the on security
may I remind you it was the highest
Ranking officers I dealt with no

mistake errors or to Misunderstand
a Statement is not Part of me
and besides myself there was
My Former Wife, Two Daughters &
a Son who heard the same as I
and they couldnt be taken in
to the Tower till after the New Year
as there were certain alterations had
to be completed first, I win
Battles against anyone who offends
my Family & how I won every time
Is by the truth nothing else,
Mrs Mossek was down last week
but it wont be discuss anything
about my side of the Family but
down about last Wednesday as far
as I am aware she is on holidays

tell 2ND Jan 1973 the person I
believe taking over from her
is a Mrs Revell yes that's the
name, Oh by the way when Social
Security get correct Dates when
Catherine went into Remand
then they assured me they will
Payout So I informed you these
expenses should & must not be
met out of a supplementary allowance
By the way I want mention the
Officer who informed us unless
I have to do I make myself clear
as she is married & does her best
could have been she was wrongly informed
by her superiors.

Yours sincerely
Terence Tarr

from the other end of the street
Government of the Hawaiian Islands
Americans at Blackford House the
small items he wants, but the
after all he knows it's only a
thing is getting on well, and
then I will go - but not before
Thyrolson

Need to go to Mr. Roberts
N. K. D. J. G. over-look a

1 to of Catherine's Trial
The Chairman Mr. Benton
one year Preferred to take Cathy Bach
Yes, then the bank still stalling
getting a 30 Day trial Period Refusing
granting him a 60 Day trial Period
still coming Philadelphia lawyer type
the court finally out he had no
intention of taking her back at
all

Re Catherine

and being Re-settled I wish
this to be done as soon as possible
as many could well get a roght
over the line, its nearly
3 months since her supervision orders
were made out by Mrs Bestrom
Chairman
and all I have heard so far is
according to your Dept, merely a
lot of lies, is this to gain
precious time for some Party or
Partys to cover up there error
in Blender because that is what
it is.

Wishing you a Happy 1973. Yours Sincerely
Terence Tant

You see it is my Duty as a Father
to stick up for my family at all times

to accuse anyone who fails in
their Duty, look when Mr

Thenson was at Winter Drive

new then was a man who went
out of his way to help say in the
case of one of your Daughters
going out of kind he would
write you a letter between us

try I saw them from an

Approved school if we could
not always possible but we
did try, no the some unity

is gone, then there was Miss

Kenter a very Friendly Person

not forgetting Lady Trenball who
rectified any errors made by any

Superintendent, I dont think on that I
believe it is the same Barnard's

Harold and Billy came in from school in a fairly good mood, almost at once this mood changed. Horse play by Harold on Billy lead to Billy becoming upset and being verbally abusive. I came into the clockroom and took Harold off Billy. Harold then became verbally abusive towards Billy and myself. Billy had then started to say Harold had ^{MOUTH} nuts which had been stolen. This aggravated the situation greatly. Harold leaving the clockroom went to the dining room and brought back a knife, with intentions of using this on Billy (How much these intentions were real I at this time could not say) I position myself between Harold and Billy and told Harold that he was going no further and that I would take the knife. Further arguing took place and Harold receive a slap on the face from me which caused him to bleed from the mouth. The knife was then taken from him. Billy all this time ~~was~~ ^{was} quite vocal and knew that he could afford to be as there was no physical threat to him at this time. (If I can step outside the situation just now, I am sure that this was how I was so angry with Billy in my dealing with him afterwards. I had been used to high light something that was brewing as both of these folk could not come and verbalise what was bothering them). Billy was pushed around by me and very forcefully removed from the clock room and taken to his bed room. Harold was later brought up and some ~~steps~~ ^{attempts} were made to solve the problem. What was bothering Harold I don't know. The matter that was upsetting Billy was. He was kitchen boy for the week and on Thursday jobless one always done for chips

Billy had somehow not done any ~~the~~ potatoes
for chips and knew that he would receive a
rough time from the group for not doing so.
It also transpired that Billy had been
the butt of some name calling by Harold
and his friends. (This was taken up by John
later in the office). However Billy was still
angry and went off and called the police.
They came up to Tynahwa and took
both parties into the sitting room and they
attempted to sort the matter out.

cc Tynholm

REPORT

HAROLD TANT

23 October 1973

Spoke to the local authority social worker for the Tant Family although she was unable to give me much information about them as she has only just taken over the case herself. However, Harold's sister is coming before the Children's Panel this week with regards to her leaving Tynepark - she wants to stay there but is of an age to leave. We agreed to meet at Tynholm when the social worker comes back from leave to have a case conference about Harold in relation to the family.

cw

MISS C WAITE
SOCIAL WORKER.

BE/SGS

26th May, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Bradburn,
1 Burma Road,
R.A.F. Faldingworth,
MARKET RASEN,
Lincolnshire.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn,

I am sorry that I have not written to you earlier following our Welfare Officer's visit to you in early May. You may not know that Harold, and some of his brothers and sisters, are the responsibility of the Children's Officer for Edinburgh on whose behalf we care for them. This does mean that we need to ask his approval for any major move of these children, as this holiday would be.

We are most grateful to you for your kind offer to have Harold with you for three weeks' holiday, and note that the times you suggest are from the 2nd to the 23rd of July.

We would be very happy to accept this. Perhaps you would be good enough to get in touch direct with Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Thompson, 23 Winton Drive, Kelvindale, Glasgow, W.2., telephone number 5 Glasgow Western 7050 - to make the final arrangements about collecting him from Winton Drive and returning him there after the holiday.

I hope that I can leave all future arrangements now between you and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

With/

With renewed thanks and all good wishes for your holiday.

Yours sincerely,

B. Trembath

(MRS. B. TREMBATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

BT/SGS

TANT FAMILY.

11.6.68. Case discussion attended by -
Miss Innes, Child Care Officer, Edinburgh.
Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Superintendents, Winton Drive.
Miss Hunter
Miss Massey
Mrs. Trembath
Probation Officer Student.

We discussed the children in order, and then heard reports about the family.

JEANETTE

---3rd Party Information---

---3rd Party Information---
Jeanette/father's letters - Jeanette had said to the

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PLAN 1.

---3rd Party Information---

---3rd Party Information---

o ---3rd Party Information---

ALEXANDRINA - 'DRINA.

---3rd Party Information---

---3rd Party Information---

CATHERINE/

3.

CATHERINE

---3rd Party Information---



---3rd Party Information---



---3rd Party Information---

---3rd Party Information---

HAROLD

HAROLD.

Miss Innes reported that she had visited Harold's godparents, viz. Mr. and Mrs. Graham. She had seen only Mr. Graham, who had presented as "down to earth" man - no children - "devoted to dog". It is believed that he works on sales-side of Dunlop, or other similar firm.

Mr. Graham is a Boys' Brigade Captain, and is known to Winton Drive because of his help for David in Boys' Brigade. The Grahams were asked by the Minister to act as Godparents to Harold. Mr. Thompson does not know Mrs. Graham either - contact is generally through Mr. Graham. It is believed that they "enjoy having Harold", and possibly think of him visiting them on a weekend basis in the future, but no ideas of offering him a home. Visits reduced recently - ?due to illness of Mrs. Graham.

TANT FAMILY

Miss Hunter reported that she had visited both Mr. and Mrs. Tant in their separate homes.

MR. TANT.

- a. had acquired a five apartment house in Broomhouse,
- b. where he was joined by Mrs. Tant, who later left again and returned to her own two rooms.
- c. Terry - on trawlers, and Stevie - working age, but not working yet. Both are still in care (Section 2) and are living with father on a trial period. Boys both visit mother frequently.
- d. Miss Green, Child Care Officer, Edinburgh, is now family's worker. She is away to be married, but is back on duty in July.

MRS. TANT.

- a. joined husband in his five-apartment house, taking with her the three youngest children.
- b. She left there, later took an overdose (?), and was admitted to Ward/

Ward 3 of the Infirmary. The three youngest children were taken into care. She is four months pregnant - ?children remaining in care meantime.

- c. Mrs. Tant is now believed to be living with, or living in rooms paid for by Mr. Macdonald, her more-or-less "regular co-habitee".

Miss Hunter reported that Mr. Tant was more lucid, coherent and put-together than she has seen him for a long time. She was not able to verify just how he managed to get a five-apartment house. She added that when she encouraged Father to think of future plans for the children - he indicated that "they" (presumably Mother and Father together?) meant to make a home for them, though Miss Hunter noted the return of the "glazed-look" at this stage. ?Father put-together for present thinking, but not future planning. Miss Hunter was asked to continue this contact with both parents.

Action to be taken before the next meeting planned for
11 a.m. on the 24th of July.

1. ---3rd Party Information---
Jeanette's ---3rd Party Information---

2. ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

'Drina.

Miss Innes seeing 'Drina's godparents.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson asked to make contact with Catherine's godmot as indicated in notes.
4. Miss Hunter asked to continue her work with Tant parents, and cont Miss Green, Child Care Officer.

25.6.68.

(MRS. B. TREMATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

BT/SGS

19th April, 1968.

Harold (10 years) visits Mr. and Mrs. Graham (Godparents)
on a regular basis.

Stephen ----3rd Party Information----

Terry ----3rd Party Information----

----3rd Party Information----

Concern was expressed that though these children are reported
to be "no trouble", so was Jeanette; ----3rd Party Information----
and Catherine might ----3rd Party Information----
----3rd Party Information----

----3rd Party Information----

- Before planning anything on these lines, it was agreed that -
3. Miss Massey discuss the advisability of "family psychiatry" for these children, in order to try to get a picture of how they are being affected by their confusing family circumstances, i.e. preventive treatment. *(with Dr. Stone)*

Wg/

BT/SGS

19th April, 1968.

We also need to know more about the relationships between children ↔ Godparents.

Miss Innes was asked to visit Godparents to -

4.

- a. to thank them for what they are doing for the children
- b. to try to assess just what this means to them.

getting in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson first.

- 5. Re Parents - Miss Hunter to foster her contact with both parents, and to report back.

- 6. It was planned that we should have a further Conference at 11 a.m. on the 11th of June, at 22 Drumsheugh Gardens, for Miss Innes to report on 1, 2 and 4.

Miss Massey to report on 3

Miss Hunter to report on 5.

Hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Thompson could join us.

Plan.

(MRS. B. TREMBATH)

- 1. Miss Innes/Balgay.
- 2. Miss Innes/Kelvindale.
- 3. Miss Massey/Dr. Stone.
- 4. Miss Innes/Godparents.
- 5. Miss Hunter/Mr. & Mrs. Tank.

BT/SGS

27th April, 1967.

H.C.J. Rowland, Esq.,
Executive Officer,
East Central Area,
Stepney Causeway,
London, E.1.

Dear Mr. Rowland,

Re: Harold Tant, b. 10.8.58.
Presently at 25 Winton Drive,
Kelvindale, Glasgow, W.2.

The above-named boy is one of a family of 9 children,
4 of whom have been in our Home in Glasgow since May 1962, some
of the others being in one of the Edinburgh Children's
Department Homes.

For background information I am enclosing part of a
recent report on Janette, who, incidentally, has recently
been moved from our Glasgow Home to an Adolescent
Psychiatric Unit.

We have now had an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. L.L.
Bradburn, 1 Burma Road, R.A.F. Faldingworth, Market Rasen,
Lincolnshire, offering two weeks' holiday to Harold. Their
connections with this boy are as follows: In 1963/64
Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, then in Germany, wrote to Mr. and Mrs.
Thompson at Winton Drive, Glasgow, as a result of a newspaper
article. They were put in touch with Harold, to whom they
write regularly, as well as remembering him at Christmas
and birthdays.

In the Summer of 1966, when they were touring in
Scotland, they visited the Home, and took Harold out for the
day.

Mr./

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BT/SGS

27th April, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, the Superintendents, met Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn and felt they were a very pleasant couple, and could be trusted to have one of our children.

This couple have now asked to take this boy on holiday, and a copy of their last letter to us is attached herewith. I enclose also a copy of my letter to them.

Could you possibly arrange for one of your Child Care Officers to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn in their own home, and report back to us, so that we may know whether or not we should continue with these arrangements?

I look forward to hearing from you, and would be happy to reciprocate in similar circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. B. TREMBATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

326246/R/R

30th April, 1962

Dear Miss Garland,

re five children TANE

Thank you very much for the report in this case submitted by Miss Hunter. The letter from the Edinburgh Education Child Guidance Service shows that the eldest boy, Terence, who is not a candidate, is very dull. His attainment level is said to be six years although his chronological age is eleven years.

It therefore seems likely that E.S.N. education will be necessary for him in due course.

Stephen, the next oldest boy, who is a

---3rd Party Information---

---3rd Party Information---

---3rd Party Information---

In the circumstances, therefore, we do not propose to include Stephen in our offer of admission, at least at this stage. We are willing to look after Jeanette, Alexandrina, Catherine and Harold and in respect of these four children we enclose two sets of Agreement and prophylactic consent forms together with two copies of 'Your Child.'

As the parents are only mutually separated it will be necessary for both the father and mother to sign their respective Agreement and prophylactic consent forms which we would like returned in due course.

We shall look to Mr. Tane to contribute at the rate of 15/- per week towards the support of each of the four children.

As the children have not been baptised we shall arrange this after their admission.

P.t.o.

Referring once more to Stephen, ----3rd Party Information----

---3rd Party Information---

When children in England attend a Day Special School they have been assessed as educationally sub-normal and the appropriate Form 2 H.P. completed in respect of them. We know that you do not have Forms 2 H.P. in Scotland but surely you have the equivalent Form - H.C.2?

In English cases we ask for a copy of the Form 2 H.P. and submit it to Dr. Bloom for his observations. Surely we can do the same in Scottish cases and submit to our Chief Medical Officer the equivalent Form H.C.2?

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Garland,
Chief Executive Officer,
EDINBURGH.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes

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MG/JHR

19th May, 1962.

L.A. Root, Esq.,
for C.E.O., H.Q.,
Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
LONDON, E.1.

Dear Mr. Root,

re five children TANT - 326246/R/R

Thank you for your letter of 30th April, concerning these children.

I did not do anything about the matter immediately because I felt very strongly that the Children's Officer, Mr. Miller, should be prepared to give a helping hand to this family.

Shortly after we heard from you, the eldest boy, Terence, also the ²second one, Stephen, ---3rd Party Information---
---3rd Party Information---

I then rang Mr. Miller and asked what about the other four children, and he said he would look into the matter.

They rang back yesterday to say they would be glad if we would admit the children, and they would be financially responsible. This means that Edinburgh Children's Department will pay for all four children -

Jeanette,
Alexandrina,
Catherine
and Harold.

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2.

I now return the Agreement Form, which is no longer required, and shall get Mr. Miller to have the Immunisation Form signed.

We can admit these four children to our Home, 23 Winton Drive, Glasgow, W.2. and I shall be grateful if you will kindly let Mr. Thompson have the necessary Dossier Cards and Transfer Forms.

We have Medical Cards for all four children and I am sending these on to Mr. Thompson. The children will be admitted one day next week and I shall let you know later the exact date.

Yours sincerely,



Chief Executive Officer, Scotland.

326246/R/R

23rd May, 1962

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Jeanette Margaret TANT - born 22.6.53
Alexandrina Frances TANT - born 29.1.55
Catherine Drummond TANT - born 23.8.57
Harold Robert TANT - born 10.8.58

We have offered admission to these children and Miss Garland tells me she will be sending them to Winton Drive.

I enclose admission slips and medical location sheets for completion and return to Stepney in due course. I send as well four dossier cards.

The children have not been baptised. The parents are said to be Church of Scotland. The children enjoy good general health but they are reported to be below average mentally. Jeanette and Alexandrina attend Burdiehouse School, Edinburgh.

The father originally applied to us on behalf of the children as his wife, the children's mother, had left a few weeks previously in order to cohabit with another man by whom she had given birth to the half-brother Thomas, born May 1961. The mother had also taken with her the sister Rosemary, born March 1960. In addition, there are the two brothers, Terence and Stephen, born 1951 and 1952 respectively, who were living with the father along with the candidates.

We were approached because the father could not cope with the children and the mother could not have them because of her own limited accommodation. While we were considering the case, Terence and Stephen came before the Juvenile Court for petty offences and were committed to the care of the Local Authority. We believe they have gone to the Boys' Home, Red House, Musselburgh.

The Children's Officer has agreed that he would

accept financial responsibility for the four candidates if we admitted them, and they are coming to us, therefore, on payment by Mr. Miller, the Children's Officer for Edinburgh.

The father is Mr. Terence Tant of 6 Burdiehouse Drive, Edinburgh. The mother is Mrs. Martha Tant of 2, St. David's Street, Edinburgh. Jeanette was said by her teacher to be a nice child, obedient, very pathetic looking, withdrawn and not able to make friends easily. Jeanette was very desolate when the mother left home. She is very much below average in her school.

Alexandrina -----3rd Party Information-----

-----3rd Party Information-----

Catherine (called Kathleen) -----3rd Party Information-----

-----3rd Party Information-----

Harold, "Harry" is said to be not a very bright looking child. When seen he had a face rash and a painful-looking eye which the mother stated was being attended to. The habits of all the children are clean.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. R.F. Thompson,
23 Winton Drive,
Glasgow, W. 2.

CONFIDENTIAL: For the attention of the Superintendent and Medical Officer in attendance.

EDINBURGH CORPORATION CHILDREN DEPARTMENT

BOARDED-OUT CHILD

Copy of Departmental Medical Record as at 30. 5. 62

NAME Harold R. Lent- Date of birth 23. 8. 58

ADDRESS D^r Barnardo's Home

Kilmuir Glasgow W. 2

Infectious illnesses, with dates:-

Measles	<u>Yes</u>	Mumps	<u>No</u>
German Measles	<u>Yes</u>	Chicken-Pox	<u>No</u>
Whooping Cough	<u>Yes</u>	Scarlet Fever	<u>No</u>
Dysentery	<u>Yes</u>	Diphtheria	<u>No</u>
Other Infectious Diseases (1)	(2)

Other illnesses or operations, with dates:-

(1) (2)

(3) (4)

PROTECTIVE INOCULATIONS:-

Smallpox Vaccination, with date Apr. 1958

Whooping Cough Vaccination only (give number of injections and dates):-
(1) No (2) (3) Boosting

Diphtheria Immunisation only (give number of injections and dates):-
(1) Yes (2) (3) Boosting

Combined Diph./Wh.C. Immunisation (give number of injections and dates):-
(1) No (2) (3) Boosting

B.C.G. Vaccination, with date(s)

Poliomyelitis Vaccination (give number of injections and dates):-
(1) Yes (2) Yes (3) Yes

(4) Yes

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS:-

Tuberculin Tests - Initial (1) (2) (3)

Subsequent (1) (2) (3)

X-Ray of Chest

THE TANT FAMILY.

At 1.10pm on the day the children were to meet their father at No.22 the mother arrived at the door asking if she could see the children also. She had been told that morning of the proposed meeting. She had come to take advice on the matter.

Whilst I told her that we would not want to prevent her visiting the children, I felt that it would be too much for the children to see both parents together and to become upset and muddled over the situation, wondering why they were in a Home if the parents were together again. I told her, however, that I wished to discuss the matter with Mr.Thomson and asked her to come back at 2.45pm. (she did not turn up until 3.15pm)

Talked the matter over with Mr. Thomson and Mr. Cairns who agreed with me, and then we talked with Mr. Tant also telling him our views. Mr.Cairns, Mr.Thomson and I talked with Mrs. Tant and she accepted our advice and arrangements were made for her to visit the children at Craigerne on Tuesday 10th August when Mr. Thomson will meet her off the 'bus.

She has not visited Winton Drive ~~xxxxx~~ since the children were admitted four years ago, and has sent one letter. She said she had written and sent cards, but could not visit because her two younger children, aged 4 and 2, take fits and no one will care for them. Later on, she admitted that these two children were taken into care six weeks ago because she had no where for them to live. She is now living with her brother whose address she had difficulty in remembering, and gave:- c/o McKenzie, 15a Muirhouse Gardens. She said Mr.Tant, whom she sees every week, lives at 11 Smiths Place, Edinburgh. She says her brother is due to be evicted quite soon and, again, she will have no where to go. She would like to get a house and have all the children with her.

The children spent some time in the office, and then went into Drumshaugh Gardens alone with their father. Mr.Tant looks quite ill and has changed considerably since I saw him last. He is on drugs because of a nervous condition.

Copy for the information of Mr. Thompson

BT/SGS

30th July, 1965.

T. Tant, Esq.,
11 Smith's Place,
LEITH,
Edinburgh 6.

Dear Mr. Tant,

The children from Winton Drive will be spending their holiday at Peebles this year, and whilst they are there Mr. Thompson would be very happy to bring your little family up to the office at 22 Drumshough Gardens.

I would like you to come here to see them at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday the 5th of August.

If you cannot do this please let me know right away, otherwise all the children will be brought here and they will look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,

B. T.

Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

BT/SGS

16th October, 1968.

Miss Innes,
Child Care Officer,
Edinburgh Children's Department,
4. Rothsay Terrace,
Edinburgh 3.

Dear Miss Innes,

Re: The Tant Family.

I am sorry that you were unable to come to our Conference this morning. However, Miss Hunter, Miss Massey and I did a quick review of, what we believe to be, the current situation of this family.

As far as Miss Hunter can ascertain from a recent visit:-

1. Father is still at Broochouse with Terry and Stephen - all are unemployed.
2. Mother is at Springwell Place with Mr. McDonald, Mr. McDonald's sons, Rosemary and Tommy Tant, and Angela too, if she has by now taken her from Canaan Ledge.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson did not take the children to see both parents at Broochouse at the end of August, as arranged at the last Conference, because the parents had once again separated by then.

The plan we made for the immediate future is as follows:-

1. Miss Hunter to discuss with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson the feasibility of bringing the three children to visit their mother and the rest of their family at Springwell Place for the day, or part day, when Janet is home for the weekend (8th/11th of November). Arrange a visit for Saturday the 9th.
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16th October, 1968.

2. Miss Hunter will also discuss the possibility of this arrangement with Mrs. Tant, and with Mrs. Matheson, before finalising such arrangements.
3. We confirmed with Miss Maas, Psychiatric Social Worker at The Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, that the three children are to be seen at the Clinic on the 26th of October.

We did not make a date for our next Tant Conference. Perhaps we should leave it that as soon as we have more information any one of us could ask for a Conference to be called.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS. B. TREMBATH)
Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

ANNUAL REPORT UPON CHILD

If L.A. case please
tick and submit
extra copy.



(To be completed and sent to Area within
5-7 months of the last Branch Home
Annual Review)

Edinburgh Children's Dept.,

BRANCH 23, Winton Drive, Glasgow. W.2.

Date 1st. March, 1968.

Name (in full) TANT Harold Robert

Date of Admission 30.5.62

Date of Birth 10.8.58

1. HEALTH. Report details of illnesses, medical treatment, etc., since last report.

Last Medical - Health perfect.

2. SCHOOL. Attainment and progress (where possible attach copy of last report).

Kelvindale Primary School. Last report stated he could do better, does not concentrate very well.

3. FAMILY CONTACTS.

Father writes occasionally. Older sister who is in an approved school writes sometimes. Two sisters also in Home with him.

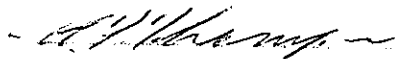
4. FRIENDS.

Mr. & Mrs. Graham have Harold out most Sundays for lunch and tea. He has quite a few school friends.

5. GENERAL REPORT. To include child's progress, interests, behaviour, achievements, development of personality, etc.

Harold is quite a nice little boy, mischievous at times. He is quite big for his age which sometimes people forget. He belongs to the Life Boys and also plays football for them sometimes. He enjoys life to the full.

Signature of Superintendent



DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES,
GLASGOW.

Seen by E.O./A.E.O.

BT/SGS

21st June, 1968.

For the attention of Miss Innes.

John H. Millar, Esq.,
Children's Officer,
4 Rothesay Terrace,
Edinburgh 3.

Dear Mr. Millar,

Re: Harold Tant, b. 10.8.58.
23 Winton Drive, Glasgow.

You may remember that last year Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, 1 Burma Road, R.A.F. Faldingworth, Market Hasen, Lincoln, took Harold on holiday with them and their family. I see that we sent to you a copy of the letter from a colleague of mine in the South, who visited the Bradburns in their own home, and put in a report about them, so that referral to this will remind you of the home situation of the Bradburns.

We have now received a further letter from them saying that Mr. Bradburn has booked his leave from the 19th of July to the 6th of August, and they would like to take Harold with them for a camping holiday during that period.

Last year they returned Harold to the Home at Winton Drive, when Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had an opportunity of seeing them. They would be happy to recommend that Harold is allowed to have a further holiday with the Bradburns. May we have your consent to this please?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

B. T.

(MRS. B. TRIMBATH)

Regional Executive Officer, Scotland.