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## CASE REVIEWS - CHILDREN IN CARE

### SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Please include comments under the following headings:-

Pen picture of the child (including interests as well as physical and emotional attributes);

Summary of Work done since last Review (including frequency of visits);

Suitability of Placement (does it meet the child's needs? What are his views);

School Report (facts about attainment and potential. Also any behavioural or relationship difficulties);

Health (date of last medical and details of any treatment in addition to description of health);

Contact with natural parents/current home situation/parents' views re future;

Parental Contributions: Has parental assessment form been submitted to HQ.?

Social Workers' views re future action (indicating why any change in direction has taken place since last review/initial assessment. Also indicate why particular goals are used and link with understanding of child's behaviour).

NAME	ADDRESS IN CARE	D.O.B.
Gain Ferguson	Florence Both Ch. Home (S.R.O.)	14.12.75
Majorie Ferguson	" " " " (S.R.O.)	10.5.77
Diane Ferguson	with parents (S.R.O.)	17.9.79
Sonia Ferguson	" " "	7.10.81

Gain and Majorie have both made a good adjustment to F.B.H. Gain is settled in school and Majorie will start at Kocknell after the summer break. They visit their parents on a planned basis each Saturday and Sunday and following a meeting with Mr & Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Fisher of F.B.H. we intend to start overnight stays at weekends with the next few months - dependent on Majorie being able to cope with this. Because she was with her natural father for a considerable period before joining Gain it is not surprising that she is not yet fully comfortable with Mr Ferguson. He is prepared to accept this plan and recognises Majorie's apprehensiveness. Both children enjoy the visits home and hopefully a week's stay could be envisaged prior to return to school. Fortunately F.B.H. is very accessible to the family and Mr & Mrs Ferguson use Mrs Fisher in a supportive capacity.

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I anticipate that Gai and Majmie will be able to return to their parents although I would not wish to commit myself and McFisler to a timescale for this. Fortunately Majmie starts school soon and this will be a good monitoring situation.

Overall the situation is relatively stable. McWallace (the children's natural father) did not come to see her during the Majmie new moved into F.B.H. and has not been in touch with us since that time. McFerguson is I feel more committed to the children than McFerguson and it is because of him that visits are carried out to see children on a regular basis. He is gradually becoming more able to control his impulse to react to situations and is very willing to work with me.

I feel the keynote in this situation is to work slowly towards goals and help the family to tackle as difficulties as they arise.

Signed Margaret Porter  
(Social Worker)

Date 28.5.82

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## CASE REVIEWS

### Summary of Review Meeting and Recommendations for the Future

Date of Review..... 28th May 1982.....

Name	Present Address	D.O.B.
Gavin Ferguson	Florence Booth House	14.12.75
Marjorie Ferguson	Florence Booth House	10.5.77

**Participants:**

Mr. H. Gaston, Sen. Soc. Worker  
Ms. M. Porter, Soc. Worker  
Mr. A. Nicoll, Asst. Area Controller

**Summary of Discussion + Goals/Tasks for the Future (Goals to be listed separately)**

The children's natural father, Mr. Wallace, has been out of the picture since the end of 1981, and the emphasis has now been on preparations for the children's return to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson. In furtherance of this aim, it was suggested that Ms. Porter should go ahead with her plans to allow the children overnight stays at home, the appropriate times for these to be decided in consultation with Mrs. Fisher F.B.H. It was also felt that a holiday at home might be possible, before the opening of the school sessions in August. No firm date was fixed for the eventual return of the children to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ferguson, as it was felt that Marjorie would have to be given time to settle in at school. The next review will be due in November 1982, and it may be possible to make a recommendation than that the children be allowed home.

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(Reviewing Consultant)

Date .....

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Feedback re Resources to Field Work Director via Area Controller

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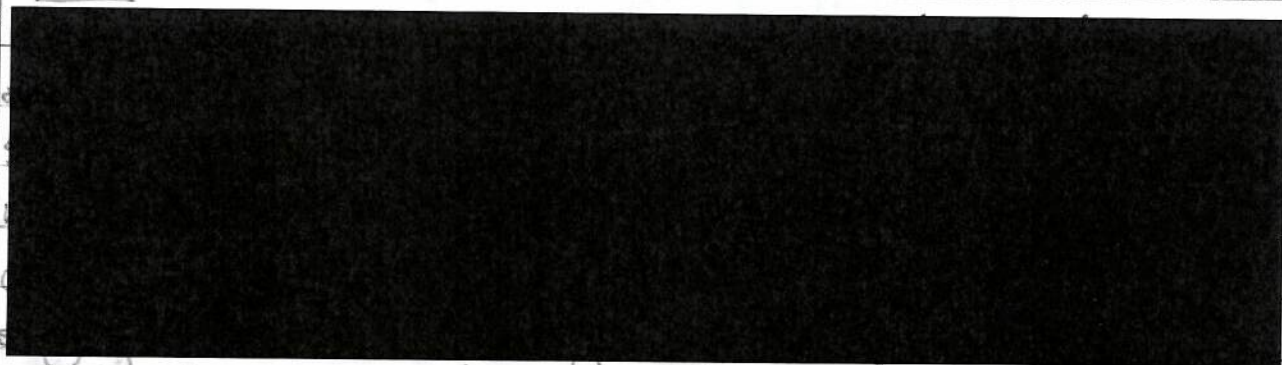
Summary to Nov. 1982.

S.W. on sick leave mid Jan. - end April '82 - 19<sup>th</sup> Aug - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. '82.

See case review dated 28.5.82.

Children in the family

Gavin - continues to reside in Flor. Booth House

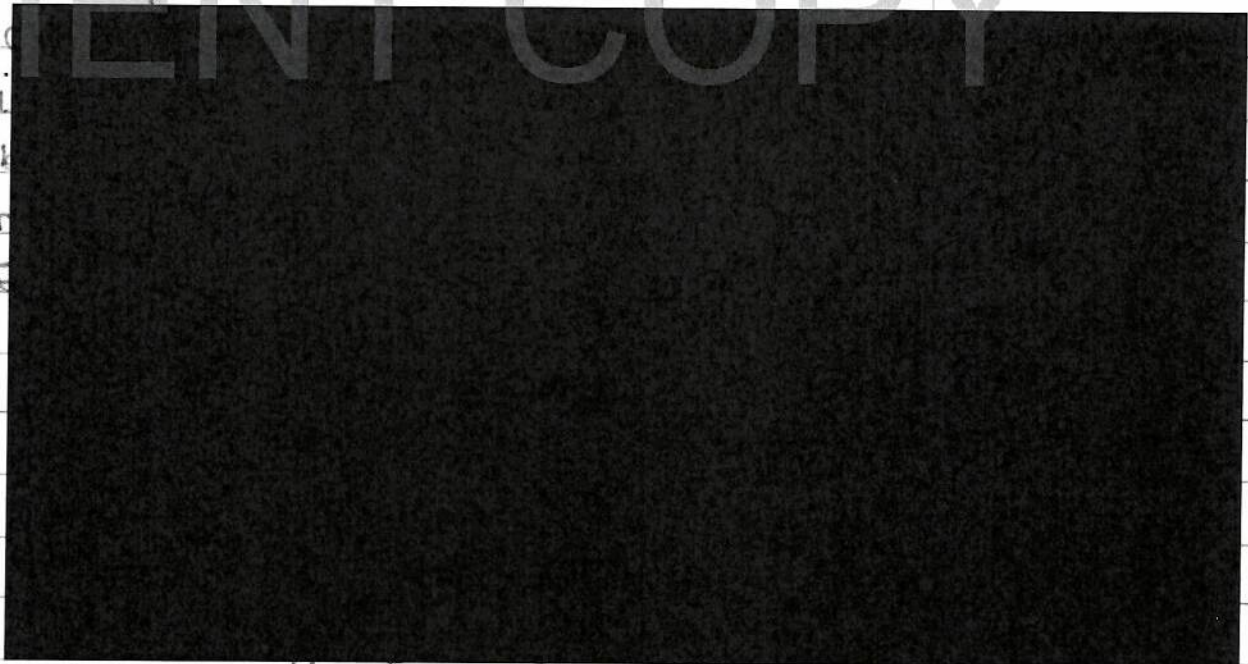


Margorie - continues to reside in Flor. Booth House. Started at Rockwell P. School in Aug. '82 - making a good adjustment. Still apprehensive about home visits. If for any reason she is not able to go home she is never upset. In fact she has recently - (past 4 weeks) started to steal small amounts of money and things belonging to other children eg. comb, hair bobbles etc. Staff at F.B.H. & myself are wondering if she is doing this so that she will not be allowed home at the wife as a punishment. Perhaps wife at home are really too much for her to cope with. Mr Ferguson admits to feeling animosity towards her.

Diane - at home with parents - little in the



progress with



Sonia



Mr Ferguson - has made considerable progress over the last months. Unfortunately he continues to feel threatened by new developments and his reaction is to be aggressive. Meetings with the Fergusons & staff of F.B.H. are characterised by aggressive outbursts for the initial part of the meeting, followed by some reasonable discussion. It's a pattern that's hard to break. He wants the meetings to discuss progress but needs to build himself up for them. He usually found though that he takes in most of what's said and reflects on it afterwards. He acknowledges the difficulties in his relationship with Marjorie, sees the reasons for them and is struggling with ways to overcome them. He has mellowed considerably in his attitude towards ~~the~~ the other children but there is room yet for much improvement.

Mrs Ferguson - to some extent her attitude throws up as many concerns as Mr Ferguson. She follows his

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lead in matters relating to the children but I feel that she rarely makes the effort of her own accord. Mr Ferguson recently told me that she'd like another baby. He says they'd both like another child - I suspect he'd like a natural son, but he says it's out of the question at the moment. Mrs Ferguson seems to enjoy having a baby and the fuss made of her while she's pregnant but probably has more difficulty in relating as they become independent beings.

At the last Meeting on F.B.N. on 8th Nov. 82. it was agreed that we should proceed with caution. Recent setbacks in Mr Ferguson's ability to respond in an appropriate way to Marjorie + Marjorie's actions i.e. stealing, lack of caring when home visits are not made, uphold this view.

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S.W. on sick leave mid Jan - end April +  
9th Aug - 20th Oct. 1982.

- 26.10.82 Home visit by arrangement. Mr F. at home alone initially - seemed reasonably pleased to know I was back at work. Some discussion re child's (Gai + Majorie's) visits home. Majorie still seems to be giving Mr F. problems. All appears to be well with Gai. Saw Sonia + Diane [REDACTED].  
Said perhaps it would be a good idea to have another meeting at F.B.H. Mr F. requesting more overnight stays. Mrs F. apparently wanting another baby. Mr F. says not for now. She eventually returned and we went over some topics.
- 28.10.82 F.B.H. to update myself. Saw Mr Fidler + student S.W. Lorna Scott. Majorie appears to have started pinching small amounts of money + odd items eg. comb, over the last few weeks. Found overall discussion a little difficult as Mrs Fidler was not there and she and I have been working fairly wisely in this case. Provisionally arranged a meeting for Mon. 8th Nov at F.B.H. with the staff + Mr + Mrs Ferguson.
- 1.11.82 Phone call from [REDACTED], COLONOS, I met her over a year ago at the Fergusons house and when on on on she had expressed great concern re Mr Ferguson's attitude to Gai + Majorie. (This was interview took place when Mr Ferguson was on remand in Penton Prison). She said that she has recently been visiting the Fergusons again and felt concerned about his attitude towards Majorie. She said he intimidated Majorie with his aggressive attitude and put her out of the room like he had fed up with her. He hits her without justification. She also felt some concern for Gai but mainly

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- for Maione. [redacted] does not wish Mr F. to know of her identity. I said that I would certainly discuss this matter with Mr & Mrs Ferguson without identifying her. Phoned F.B.H. to advise <sup>A/GO advised Miss M. [redacted]</sup>
- 4.11.82 Agitated phone call from Mrs Ferguson. They had been told of the phone call made to me and she said her husband was very angry about it. Said I wanted to see them before the wife and asked if they could call at office on Friday. Suggested she phone back with a time and leave a message for me - otherwise I'd do a home visit.
- 5.11.82 Due to an emergency ([redacted]'s case) I was unable to visit the Ferg-sons today. Phoned F.B.H. to advise and said I'd see the Ferg-sons on Sat. morning before the visit.
- 6.11.82 Called at the Ferg-sons. Mr Ferguson, as is usual when under stress was very aggressive - shouting and swearing. In these situations it always seems important to make it clear that I don't feel threatened and am prepared to confront him regarding issues of concern. Eventually he was able to be more calm and accept
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Visits with older improving. Had a meeting at F.B.H. with Mr & Mrs Fisher + student Long Jeff + Mr & Mrs Ferguson <sup>on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.</sup> Mr Ferguson able to admit his feelings of resentment/animosity towards Maione. Nursing appreciation for Diane.
- Meeting Concern re Maione a) seeking when it gets near wife - Is this an attempt to avoid going home - punishment? b) pretending? to be ill to avoid going home. No reaction if for any reason she is unable to go home. No response to visits or talk about her family. Father (natural) still v. much alive for her. Not necessarily all good since that he was probably

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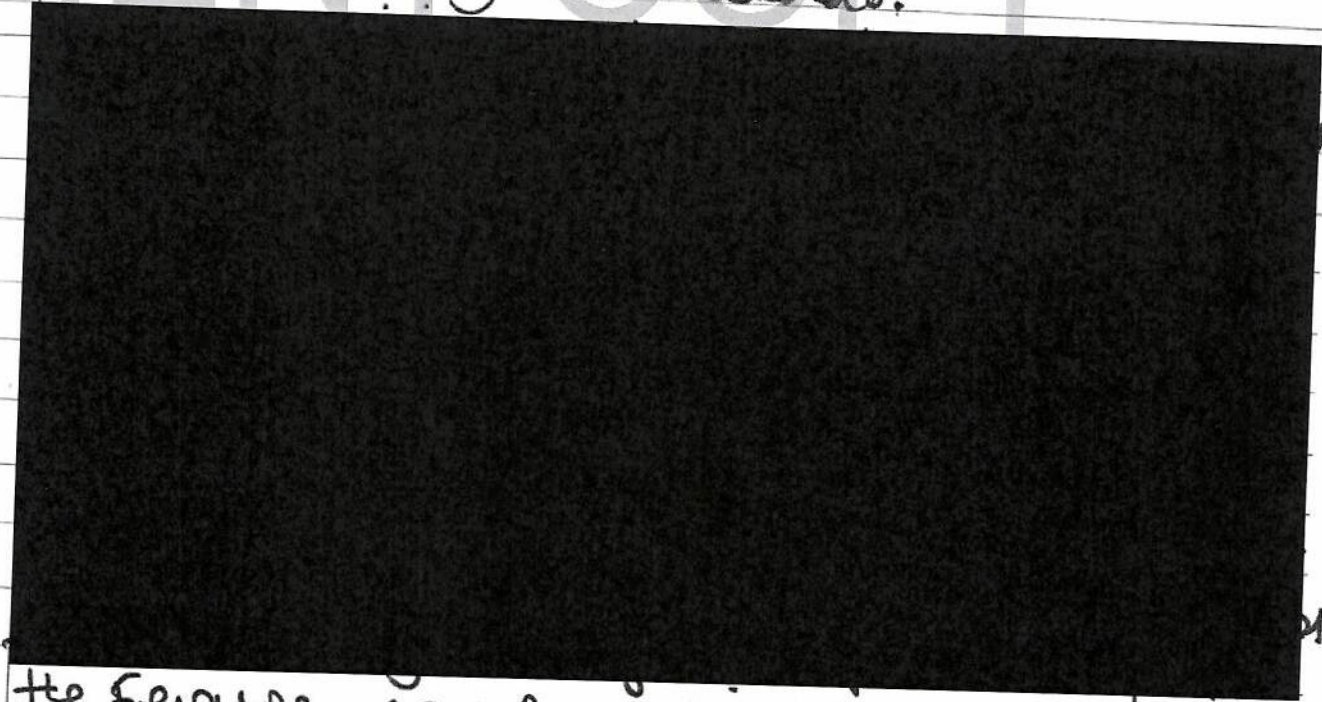
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too lax with Lev - complete contrast to the rigidity of the Fergusons - also problem is more than one Moses figure. In any event father McWallace has never made any contact with S.W.D. since Marjorie was admitted to F.B.H. on 8-1-82. 8:1:82.

Agreement that Gair & Marj. should visit each Sat & Sun & monthly overnight - also several extra days over Xmas Hols.

Mr F. at meeting still v. resentful about phone call complaining about his attitude towards Marjorie. In his own way he feels he has been trying to make contact with her. He has an unreasonable amount of anger regarding Marjorie's time spent with her natural father - holds this against her and unable to see that Marjorie had no control over which parent had care of her - in fact Mrs Ferguson allowed McWallace to take Marjorie to live with him. He also has very sex id' in the way girls & boys do - feeling that it is much easier for him to relate to Gair than to Marjorie. Both Mrs Filler & myself spent considerable time trying to help him understand that Marjorie is a small child and he must make a lot of effort to establish a basic trusting relationship. His aggressive manner will only make Lev apprehensive and fearful of a violent outburst. Mrs F. says little during these discussions except when Mr F. looks to Lev to support his point of view. I would like more opportunity to see the children when they are on home visits but this is rather limited as

visits are usually on weekends.



The Fergusons are not particularly good about taking the kids to the surgery. Said I'd be getting in touch with Mrs McFadden. Saw Xmas presents they've bought kids later phoned Mrs MCF. who said DR Neville, Paediatrician intends visiting the family [redacted]

21st Dec. MR & MRS Ferguson at office. To collect drugs for the children. Both - good spirits and looking forward to Xmas - they already have some toys and use milk supplement. For Xmas money I have filed for the family but as they seem well organised I'll retain this until next week when finances will perhaps be more stretched.

21st Dec. Full. Both with presents for Gai & Majorie. which MR ~~had~~ Wallace had left at office the week before - he saw McCaslin.

30th Dec. Home visit to see children with MR & MRS. Diane v. chatty and obviously pleased to see Gai & Majorie. Family seem to have a v. pleasant Xmas although MR Ferguson v. angry that MR Wallace had sent presents to the children. Suddenly he started showing about Diane not going

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to Nursery - he had made a specific application for Louise as Mr Ferguson obviously feels that he has some kind of rapport with the person - change Miss Robertson. He had asked for Nursery after discussion with Miss McFarlane and myself - somehow he probably felt he was convincing me by saying he had changed his mind. Interestingly, Mr Ferguson was very quick to point out to him that he had requested the place at Louise. Diane has little interaction with stimulation for, child of his own age.

Some discussion re forthcoming w/e. Mr F. now anticipates being drunk for 3 days. Consequently, he does not want the child home - as he feels they are interrogated while they return to F.B.W. Tried to reason with him in terms of a) lack of consistency by not having them at the weekend. b) if the children were being at home he would have to make sure they were adequately cared for - if he was drinking. c) should he be drinking to such a level given that Diane & Sonja were at home. d) he was not helping to support his own view that he was fit to have the children by maintaining this rigid attitude. His defence amounted to the fact that his home would be open to visitors who would give alcohol to the children and he was not going to have F.B.W. complaining - also if the child were home he would not feel anyone else (presumably S.W.D. & F.B.W.) would be questioning the child. Stressed that it was absolutely ridiculous that any of the children should be given alcohol and as

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the parent he should protect them for this.  
Said he stole drink at New Year as a youngster  
- seems to think there's no harm in it.  
Said I felt he should think v. carefully about  
the wife.

Again Sonia was in bed - said she was having  
a nap. Must mention this to H.V.

Decided against giving her the £14 - p. bottle  
be speak a more booze.

Called at F.B.W. no advice.

2nd Jan  
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Pushed F.B.W. to check if there were any  
further developments. Cash. had not been home  
and had accepted this fairly well - Majing in  
particular. Said I was feeling I wanted to  
visit and suggest me calling with the children  
- given that I've had little opportunity of seeing  
her lately. Later called at the Fergusons  
M.F. - completely sober and no sign of drink.  
Fortunately Sonia was up on this occasion  
- sitting in the settee naked, those very warm  
but she had signs of a chesty cold - eyes  
very moist. Diane very chatty - asking about  
Gavin + Majing - her fondness for them evident  
in the way she spoke. M.F. said he'd been  
drunk the night before but would be having no  
more - sometimes I think he likes to send  
a bit stocking - saying he'd be drunk for 3 days.  
Discussed possibility of me bringing the  
children for a visit following day - Monday.  
Both M.P. + M.F. were keen on this idea.

3rd Jan

Colloused Gavin + Majing to visit the Fergusons - Majing  
firmly of the opinion that she was going to Linlithgow  
to see paternal g/parents + near. father. Told her M.F.  
no longer had a house in W/Gield and that he had not

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been to see her in F.B.H. - in fact she had not seen him for a long time. She seemed to accept that they were going to see Mr & Mrs F. Dianne & Sonia. At the house Gavin got a good welcome - kisses & cuddles for Mr & Mrs F. Marjory was left out of this. Gavin much more comfortable - Marj. sticking fairly close to me - asking if she was going back to F.B.H. with me. This angered Mr F. - also he was verbally aggressive when speaking to her. He seemed to feel she was trying to get away with things because I was there. Decided it would be more appropriate to talk to him later about these issues.

Overall I felt he has not even achieved a basic relationship with her. Mrs F. looks to her husband to see how she is to behave with Marjory.

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4th-5th

Cher. on overnight visit home.

3rd Jan.

Contacted Miss MCF. - See above.

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Area One,  
22 Crichton Street,  
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Tel. 23281

Department of Health & Social Security,  
1 Edward Street,  
DUNDEE

MP/LDM

7th July, 1982

Dear Sir,

Re: Gavin (d/b 14.12.75) and Marjorie (d/b 10.5.77) Wallace or Ferguson

The above-named children stay in Florence Booth Children's Home, Dundee. They stayed overnight with their parents from Saturday 3rd July until Sunday 4th July. Mr. Ferguson claims benefit for himself, his wife, and two children Diane and Sonia, and he is not receiving any financial help from this Department to cover the period when Gavin and Marjorie are home.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. M. Porter  
Social Worker

Ms. Porter - Ext. 3444

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Area 1,  
Social Work Department,  
22 Crichton Street,  
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Tel. 25281

Department of Health & Social Security,  
1 Edward Street,  
DUNDEE

MM/LDM

8th October, 1982

Dear Sir,

Re: Gavin (d/b 14.12.75) & Marjorie (d/b 10.5.77) Wallace or Ferguson

The above-named children stay in Florence Booth Children's Home, Dundee. They stayed overnight with their parents from Saturday 25th September 1982 until Sunday 26th September 1982. Mr. Douglas Ferguson resides at 14 Bronley Place and claims benefit for himself, his wife and two children, Diane and Sonia. He is not receiving any financial help from this Department to cover the period when Gavin and Marjorie are home.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. M. McLean  
Social Worker

Ms. McLean - Ext. 3444

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Social Work Department,  
Area 1,  
22 Crichton Street,  
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Tel. 23281

Department of Health & Social Security,  
Edward Street,  
DUNDEE

MB/LDM

27th October, 1982

Dear Sir,

Re: Gavin (d/b 14.12.75) and Marjorie (d/b 10.5.77) Wallace or Ferguson

The above-named children live in Florence Booth Children's Home, Dundee. They stayed overnight with their parents, Douglas and Marjorie Ferguson from Saturday 23rd until Sunday 24th October. Mr. Ferguson claims benefit for himself, his wife and two children Diane and Sonia, and he has not received any financial help from this Department to cover the period when Gavin and Marjorie were home.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. M. Black  
Social Worker

Ms. Black - Ext. 3444

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Area 1 Office,  
22 Crichton Street,  
DUNDEE.

Tel: 29281

Department of Health & Social Security,  
Edward Street,  
DUNDEE.

MB/LA

10th December 1982

Dear Sir,

Re: Gavin (d.o.b. 14.12.75) and Marjorie  
(d.o.b. 10.5.77) Wallace or Ferguson.

The above-named children live in Florence Booth Children's Home, Dundee. They will be staying overnight with their parents Douglas and Marjorie Ferguson from Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th December. Mr. Ferguson claims benefit for himself, his wife and two children Diane and Sonia, and does not receive any financial help from this Department to cover periods when Gavin and Marjorie are home.

Yours faithfully,

MB

Ms. M. Black  
Social Worker.

Ms. M. Black Ext. 3415.

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FERGUSON, GAVIN Child's Name

114457907 Child's reference number

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## INDIVIDUAL RETURN SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN MONTHLY RETURN OF NOTIFIABLE CHANGES

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Return date (month, year)

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Child's reference number 11-19

114457907

Date of birth

20-25

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Date of change

26-31

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### INFORMATION ON CHANGE

#### REASON FOR BEING IN CARE OR UNDER SUPERVISION

Before		After	
statute	primary reason	statute	primary reason
32, 33	01	34, 35	23
		36, 37	07
		38, 39	03

#### ACCOMMODATION (leave blank if child has not moved)

Before		After	
type	location	type	location
40, 41		42, 43	
		44, 45	
		46, 47	
Reason for moving		48	

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Before		After	
50, 51		52, 53	

