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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT
CHILDREN'S HEARING

The following child:—

Surname JONES

Date of Birth 26 12 69

Christian Names or Forenames Andrew

Religion Protestant

School Kirkton High

Address 8 Balgowan Place,
Dundee.

Occupation N/A

Presently: Ann Street Children's Home

is to appear on 18 November, 1983 at Dundee Children's Hearing
in connection with 48(3) Annual Review

Andrew last appeared before a children's panel on 17 December, 1982, when his 44(1)(b) supervision order was continued. Over the last year Andrew has done extremely well. All reports from Ann Street are good. He is popular with children and staff and although a loner at times he is highly respected and can hold his own easily. He accepts the authority of the staff who see him as well adjusted and stable. Similarly at school he is seen as pleasant, well behaved and well mannered. His attendance is perfect. Currently Andrew plans to sit 3 'O' levels in biology, art and woodwork. Outside school his main interest is boxing. He attends a local boxing club regularly and has fought in a couple of bouts. Reports from there about his progress are also excellent.

The main event since the last review affecting Andrew is that our department have now assumed parental rights from 14 March. Miss Mill did not oppose this and Andrew himself has accepted it. Although he would prefer to be at home he realises that it is not possible because of the position of his mother and her mental health problems. This invitation has not been helped by various lodgers staying with Miss Mill. Andrew resents this and refused to go one Sunday because of their presence. A compromise was reached between Andrew and his mother whereby the lodgers stayed away while Andrew visited so that he could get some time alone with his mother. I have encouraged Ann to try and make the lodgers find alternative accommodation. She has to accept that either the lodgers move out or there will be less likelihood of her children visiting home. So far the lodgers remain but the current compromise is not very practical in the long term.

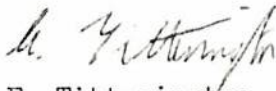
Andrew visits his mother every Sunday morning and during his lunch hour from school. He still is very close to his mother and although we have parental rights, we would/

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/would not want to break this bond. I have talked with Andrew about his feelings towards home and his mother. He still looks on Ann Street as being a temporary home and once he leaves school and becomes more able to look after himself it is likely he will return home. By that time he will not be so affected by the difficulties at home.

Assessment and Recommendation:

Andrew has done very well over the last year. He presents as a 'well adjusted' pleasant sensible and popular boy who has so far escaped the severe emotional problems that has affected his sisters because of the problems with his mother. Given the fact that our department now has parental rights and also the advice received from our legal section, I see no need for Andrew to remain on supervision. I would, therefore, recommend that his Section 44(1)(b) supervision order be terminated.



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I will attend the hearing