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Message:

Trevor,

This a letter received from Peter Coyne. I spoke to him briefly by phone yesterday ^{before receiving this letter} & indicated that I could not comment on the matter.

Lee McGregor

I rang Lee McGregor & advised that there is no need to respond to Mr Coyne's letter but that she should refer him back to me if he re-contacts her. I advised Ms McGregor that the matter is being handled by the Crown Sol.

Vivian Walsh

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17th May, 1990

Ms L.A. McGregor
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Dear Ms McGregor,

RE THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF STAFF
AT JOHN OXLEY YOUTH CENTRE BY MR N. HEINER

Mr N. Heiner conducted an investigation of complaints by certain members of staff at John Oxley Youth Centre in late 1989 and early 1990. Documents associated with this investigation are held by the Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs.

My solicitor and I have made legitimate requests for a copy of these documents. The Director-General is still seeking legal advice and has been fully aware of the possibility of legal action.

According to The Sun newspaper of 11th April, 1990, all documents and material tendered at the Inquiry were destroyed. The destruction of documents has never been confirmed in writing by the Department.

I feel certain the Director-General would not request the destruction of documents before legal advice was received and when legal action was known to be forthcoming if the documents were not provided to me.

Given that the State Archivist has the power to dispose of public records, I request that these documents not be disposed of before my request for a copy is decided. It is my intention to have my request determined in a court if necessary.

If you are unable to comply with this request please contact me.

Yours faithfully

P. Coyne
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Special Duties Officer

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