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SOCIAL BACKGROUND REPORT

The following person:—

Surname..... JONES.....

Date of Birth..... 26 12 69.....

Christian Names or forenames..... Andrew.....

Religion..... Protestant.....

Address..... 8 Balgowan Place,
Dundee.....

Occupation..... Schoolboy Kirkton High.....

Marital State..... N/A.....

Currently Ann Street Children's Home.

is to appear on..... 17 December, 1982..... at..... Dundee Children's Hearing..... Court in connection
with the crime or offence of..... 48(3) Annual Review.....

Previous Appearances as known to the Officer making the Report:

Andrew last appeared before a children's panel on Friday 22 January, 1982, when his 44(1)(a) supervision order was varied to a 44(1)(b) naming Ann Street Children's Home. The reason for Andrew's admission to Ann Street was the deterioration of his mother's mental health when he required to be taken into care because she could not look after him. On the day of the panel Miss Mill was in fact re-admitted to hospital and remained there for around three weeks. She was discharged because her health began to improve. She still receives visits from the community nurse for injections. Over the past months she has been working in a voluntary capacity in the Wishart Centre. She does well there and they are pleased with her work.

Andrew can be described as 'well adjusted'. He has settled down well at Ann Street which he sees as a temporary home and he still sees his 'real home' with his mother. He exhibits few problems and presents himself as a normal boy full of fun, and cheek. He is popular with both staff and boys and causes few problems. He has continued at Kirkton High School where he works well but within his potential. There are no adverse reports and his attendance this term has been perfect. His school performance has improved since coming to Ann Street. In the home itself Andrew is a keen participant. He enjoys football, drawing, T.V. and swimming.

Contact with mother is on a regular basis. Miss Mill visits every Tuesday. Andrew goes home along with his sister Sarah on a Saturday afternoon and he spends all day Sunday at home as well. Every second Thursday he now goes home for his tea. Andrew says very little about home. He is attached to his mother and he enjoys the extra freedom provided at home. His feelings towards his mother's boy friend is mixed and he resents his presence. Over the past few months Andrew has become resigned to the fact that it is likely he will remain in Ann Street until he is sixteen. After that he has informed myself and Ann Street that he will be returning home then. Up until he is sixteen we certainly see no possibility of Andrew returning home. Miss Mill it has been proved could not cope with her children on a long term basis. She herself feels that she is not ready yet to look after the children. She can cope on her own without major responsibilities. She is of limited intelligence and her illness although controlled could not give her the necessary stimulation and self support to carry out the duties of a mother. I do not want to see the

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the situation as happened prior to Andrew's admission to Ann Street where he had to look after his mother.

We are now in the early stages of pursuing Parental Rights on Andrew and Sarah. Both Andrew and Miss Mill are aware of our intentions. If parental rights were taken we would encourage contact between Andrew and his mother. In fact because of Miss Mill's inadequacies we are virtually in a position where we are forced to act as if we had parental rights. The medical profession are in agreement with this move. They see Miss Mill as being as well as she will ever be and there is no guarantee that her health will deteriorate again.

Assessment and Recommendation:

Andrew is well settled in Ann Street. He is doing well there and also at school. There is a deep attachment to his mother and we are encouraging contact but we do not envisage Andrew returning home because of Miss Mill's inability to cope.

I would, therefore, recommend that Andrew remain at Ann Street and that the 44(1)(b) supervision order remain unchanged.

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Mr. E. Titterington,
Social Worker.

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I will attend the hearing

44(1)(b) continued naming Ann Street