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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 36 Ashmore Street, Occupation Schoolboy
Kirkton, Dundee.

is to appear on Thursday 17th October 1985 at 2.15p.m. at Dundee Children's Hearing
in connection with Seciton 48 (3) - Annual Review.

Please see previous reports for personal background. The Department still hold Parental Rights but application is to be made to have these rescinded.

I took responsibility for this family in August of this year since which time there has been extensive contact on account of both practical and emotional difficulties.

Despite Andrew's difficult background, he has developed into a very responsible and sensitive young man. Because of mother's problems he carries a considerable weight of responsibility within the family and does this remarkably well. He involves himself in all the practical and domestic areas in the home.

The family have just moved house and Andrew has taken it upon himself to decorate the flat. The standard of his decorating is very high and Andrew is justifiably proud of his achievement. To date he has papered the living room and his mother's bedroom and is in the process of starting another room. It is in areas such as these that Andrew quite easily and naturally assumes the role of 'male of the house'.

The main area of difficulty is that he is not yet mature enough to carry his role completely. For example, there have been a few worrying incidents recently where-by Andrew has been aggressive and foul mouthed with his mother. While one sympathises with the frustrations which Andrew experiences in his relationship with his mother, she is not able to handle such outbursts and inevitably ends up in tears calling for Social Work help.

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Andrew Jones (d.o.b. 26.12.69), continued

One current area of Social Work intervention is continuing discussion with Andrew and his mother about areas of conflict and how each of them attempt to resolve these. Unfortunately, because of mother's limited ability, attention has to be focussed on helping Andrew to cope with her and to channel his aggression into more acceptable areas e.g. sporting activities.

Andrew does not belong to any youth clubs but enjoys going to the local discos. He has given up his boxing, despite my attempts to encourage him to resume it. He seems to have several friends and often brings them home. The one love of his life is his dog which I feel fills a deep emotional need. He is at his happiest when he is walking the dog.

School has become quite a problem not only for Andrew but also for his young sister. He has given me a commitment that even if only for her sake, he will continue to attend, but I am not over optimistic about the realisation of this. He has an appointment with the Careers Officer this week about a place on Y.T.S. and hopes to work with animals if at all possible. I understand that at one time he wanted to go into the Army but he now tells me he wants to remain in Dundee.

When I took over his case it was being suggested that, in acknowledgement of Andrews increasing maturity and sense of responsibility, a recommendation be made to the Panel that his Supervision Order be terminated. However, in the light of the recent difficulties between Andrew and his mother and the support they both may need in order to resolve them, I recommend that his Supervision Order is continued without variation. Both Andrew and Mrs Mill are aware of this recommendation and despite disagreeing with it seem to be accepting of it.

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Mrs A. Creamer,
Social Worker.