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The Director-General,
Department of Family Services,
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Revised sheet

Dear Mr Pettigrew,

I am writing to you personally, because of my previous favourable contact with you, and the serious problems that I am now facing as a Youth Worker at John Oxley Youth Centre.

I have been asked to respond to a letter dated 17th August, 1989 from the Manager, Personnel Services which I am required to show cause why:-

1. My probationary period should not be extended by 6 months.
2. My salary increment should be withheld.

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To provide you with the necessary background I have attached copies of all previous correspondence.

In my previous response I pointed out that I had never been formally advised either verbally or in writing that any facet of my services was less than satisfactory during the period of my probation. However, it is apparent that the Manager of John Oxley Youth Centre has retained reports on my service which he withheld from me. (This is particularly evident in relation to the latest alleged incident upon which I have been asked to respond - report dated 14 November 1988.)

I further believe that my services have been more than satisfactory during the whole of the the period of my probation and up to the date for increase of salary, (June 28, 1989).

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The Director General

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In support of this I offer as examples of my satisfactory service, my exemplary six month probation report and salary increase report, and written commendations on my service as mentioned in my previous responses to my probation report. However, it is apparent that I am being victimised as evidenced by the recent paper warfare that I have been subjected to over the past month. I have been accused of being dishonest and using unnecessary force on resident children, among other things. As mentioned in my separate responses on these matters, I find these allegations totally objectionable and I resent the implications most strongly.

I trust that you will give full consideration of these issues which I have raised your full consideration because of the untenable stress caused to myself and my family, and because of the broader implications for the success of John Oxley Youth Centre. The problems which I now face are presently being experienced by several other competent and caring staff members and I believe that the totality of actions against myself and other staff is having a serious effect on resident children. This outcome is of serious concern to me and I hope to you, also.

I find myself being forced to consider a career elsewhere, but because of my commitment to the programme at John Oxley Youth Centre, I do not wish to do this.

Yours faithfully,



D.F. LANNEN