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SOCIAL WORK PROGRESS NOTE

Telephone conversations with Mrs. [redacted] 1985 11 21 and 1986 04 03.

Purpose of Calls:

I telephoned Mrs. [redacted] to arrange a home visit to:

- 1] update family information on [redacted] file.
- 2] discuss family visiting with [redacted]
- 3] discuss implications of next of kin status.

Background Information:

[redacted] sister [redacted] called in the summer of 1985 to inquire whether [redacted] could be taken off the HRC grounds to visit. There is a caution on his file which says he is to visit with his family only on the grounds and that counsellor supervision could be required. I spoke with [redacted] who was the Service Manager of the area where [redacted] lived when the caution was written. She said [redacted] had been trying to reunite her family and this was not considered to be in [redacted] best interests in view of the family background. [redacted] was told that [redacted] was not to leave the grounds. She did not leave her telephone number or address and there was no further contact with her.

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[redacted] had been a ward of the Children's Aid Society. When his wardship was terminated at age eighteen, there was no next of kin listed on the file. I was able to locate Mrs. [redacted] address from recent consent forms on [redacted] and [redacted] files.

Content of Telephone Conversation:

Mrs. [redacted] said [redacted] sister [redacted] also lives in [redacted] and she visits with her mother nearly every day. When I talked with Mrs. [redacted] in November she said she was living alone. Mrs. [redacted] now has [redacted] sister [redacted] and her husband living with her.

Mrs. [redacted] is 57 years old. She and her husband separated and were divorced in 1981.

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She is currently getting some assistance from Welfare. She said she has a bad back and has to wear a brace. At times she said she has difficulty walking.



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When I talked with her in November, Mrs. [redacted] said she did not wish me to come to visit her because she was too worried about an impending s.21(1) and s.49(b). I arranged to call her in the spring to make an appointment for a home visit. In the meantime, she agreed to be listed as [redacted] next of kin.

When I telephoned Mrs. [redacted] today, she again said she does not want me to come to visit her. She wishes to call me rather than have me call her at a later date to make an appointment.

Comments:

At the present time, Mrs. [redacted] is very concerned about her own situation and she does not wish to meet with me for an interview. Mrs. [redacted] has not visited with [redacted] or telephoned about him. In the two telephone conversations I had with her, she did not inquire about [redacted]. This is not surprising since [redacted] was only three years old when he was taken into care by the Children's Aid Society. With no contact in all those years, one would not expect very strong emotional bonds.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1] Mrs. [redacted] appears to be under so much emotional stress at present that it would appear prudent not to pursue making an appointment to see her at the present time.
- 2] If [redacted] sister, [redacted] initiates contact with him, an interview with her would be helpful to clarify the family's interest in [redacted].
- 3] In view of Mrs. [redacted] strained financial situation and the problems she has with her back, I suggested that she make inquiries regarding eligibility for a Family Benefits disability pension.

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Social Worker

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