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The Manager,

Industrial School.

Some Managers appear to regard a licence not as a temporary provision or experiment, but as a final disposal. I have therefore to state that information from reliable sources should at regular intervals be got about children on licence and that children should be recalled if and when necessary.

Section 67 of the Children Act authorises that children be licensed to trust worthy and respectable persons only and this is a condition that should always be observed in licensing. When supervision is found to be no longer essential application for discharge should be made in cases where the licence is to continue for a long period.

I wish again to draw attention to the provisions of Section 68 of the Act relating to the supervision of children placed out after the expiration of their term of detention and to the obligation under the Section to issue licences to children when they leave School (Education Act cases excepted) where it is considered that the provisions of subsection 6 of this Section does not afford an adequate safeguard for the protection of children against undesirable parents, the facts of the case should be reported to me.

C. J. MacCormack.