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Dear Karen.

I was very pleased to hear from you over the phone, but not so pleased to read through the Inquiry into children in institutional care. I hope I can be blunt to you here and call a spade a spade. The report has automatically stopped a lot of British migrants being able to state how they were treated in institutions in Australia. Paragraph (2) states the reports on lost innocents and bringing them home. I had quite a bit to do with lost innocents Righting the Record. I also have two letters on display in Parliament in England. A lot of the child migrants at Dalmat should be entitled to state how they were treated at such a god forsaken place. Who ever worded the report is a very smart bureaucrat working either for the churches or the politicians or both, reading between the lines it is another bureaucratic waste of taxpayers money. The churches run the country and Howard and company plus Carr's company could not give a damn how children were treated unless it is for their political advantage. For the Federal government to pass the buck on to the State government is laughable, we were sent out to Australia by the Federal government as part of the white Australia Policy. Could you give me the name of the person who will be in charge of this inquiry and what he does for a living plus the names of the rest of the committee and their histories. We arrived at Dalmat March 8th

and our first impressions of Dalmar and Mr Stewart was what a filthy hole and what a bullying bastard Stewart was, He treated the child migrants entirely different from the Australian children there. Sister Olive who came out with us on a three year contract was trying to protect us from Stewart all the time, Sister Olive had years of experience in child care and she was made junior to a Sister Watson who had no idea and could neither read or write. A Alan Butler used to visit under the guise of the church and he was a pedophile and was named in a royal commission a few years ago. Also a Mr Aston was of the same ilk he used to take some of the boys to his home in Strathfield, Sister Olive reported the matter but I believe Stewart was more interested in their money donations than what was happening to the children, I have questioned a few of the Australian and child migrants in the last few years but they have all clammed up except for one Australian. Evidently it was rife after I left and still affects the people involved. There was a lot of them that got married and are now lonely old men I keep in contact with a few and try to help them out. The child migrants were well adjusted children ~~all~~ until they served time at Dalmar. The grease traps were full of rats no fly screens on windows and we were infested very badly with mosquito bites for a long time. The verbal abuse and at times the physical abuse was hard to tolerate, what a hypocrite Stewart tried to make me go to church twice on Sundays, I flatly refused so I worked all day Sunday as well so that meant all the time I was there I never had time off to my self. I think it is a bit late for an inquiry

when you have all the cards stacked against you and cannot afford a top Barrister but if they do have an inquiry I will guarantee the State and the Churches will pull the best Barristers out of the wood-work at the tax payers expense. I am getting too old now to be quilled by so called experts. But haven't what I have stated in this letter to you did happen but along time ago. I am not bitter anymore I have never regretted living in Australia only the way it was done all the lies and filth at Dalmar's foster being told you were useless and the loneliness with no one to turn to was appalling and something I have never forgotten. I feel so sorry for so many child migrants that couldn't cope and still can't. I still get bad nightmares the older you get the worse it gets.

But I have had a great life I have a wonderful wife of 46 years also six children and a few grandchildren so I think the Politicians should thank me for helping out the white Australian policy? over the years I have written letters to Canberra and the British Parliament just wanting the child migrants to be recognised as a group but they don't want to know, so I have provided the material and advice to a real good friend of mine called Ethel Gray who wrote the songs and put the tunes together for two songs called I Remember England and Going Home, both about child migrants and their treatment, I am trying to get the songs on the airways so I hope a lot of people listen and then understand what really happened, so up the politicians noses I hope they can't sleep at night. Tell me what you think of the letter and don't borrow the C.S. I'm sending if people require a copy get in touch with me
 kindest regards
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