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I WAS TOLD THERE IS INQUIRY IN TO THE TREATMENT OF CHILDREN IN THE STATE WARD HOMES AND FOSTER CARE I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU MY SIDE OF THE STORY INTO TREATMENT I RECIVED WHILE I WAS A STATE WARD.

MY NAME IS MICHAEL JOHN MOFFATT I WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM MY PARENTS WHEN I WAS 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD. IT WAS BACK IN 1959. I DO NOT REMEMBER WHEN THEY TOOK US I WAS TOLD THEY TURNED UP ON OUR DOOR STEP WHEN WE LIVED IN REEFERN AND JUST GRABED US. I WAS TAKEN TO A GIRLS HOME IN GLEBE (NSW) I WAS TO YOUNG TO GO TO A BOYS HOME STRAIGHT AWAY I STAYED THERE TILL I WAS ABOUT 5 YEARS OLD THEN I MOVED TO A BOYS HOME DOWN THE ROAD CALLED ROYCLSTON BOYS HOME. IT WAS ONLY A DEPO TILL YOU WERE MOVED TO A PERMANENT HOME MY 1ST REALY HOME STARTED AT A HOME IN BOTANY BAY I WAS THERE FOR A SHORT TIME AND MOVED TO A HOME AT BOWDI JURCION THATS WHEN THE BEATINGS STARTED WE WERE ALL WAYS GETTING HIT OVER THE HEAD WITH A IRON PIPE FOR NO REASON WHEN PEOPLE CAME TO LOOK FOR FOSTER KIDS WE WERE LINED UP LIKE COWS SO THEY COULD PICK WHO THEY LIKED BUT I WAS NOT PICKED LATER I WAS MOVED BACK TO.

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ROYSLSTON AND THEN MOVED TO ANOTHER HOME AT WOODFORD FOR OLDER BOYS. IT WAS CALLED WORNIA BOYS HOME THAT WERE THE BEATINGS KEPT COMING AT ONE TIME I WAS FOSTERED OUT FOR 2 WEEKS BUT IT DID NOT LAST THE FOSTER LADY WHO HAD ME TRIED TO KILL ME 3 TIMES I TRIED TO TELL THE WELFARE BUT THEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT DO THAT I STILL REMEMBER THAT FOSTER LADY'S NAME IT ALWAYS STAYS WITH ME. I WAS TAKEN BACK TO THE HOME AGAIN ROYSLSTON IN GLEBE AND MOVED AGAIN TO ANOTHER HOME BERRY TRAINING ^{FARM} ~~SCHOOL~~ DOWN NEAR NOWRA. WE WERE GIVEN SCHOOLING BUT NOT MUCH WE WERE MADE TO GO OUT AND WORK WHEN WE WERE 15 PUT INTO A BOARDING HOUSE AND MADE TO WORK IF WE DID NOT WORK WE WERE PUT BACK INTO HOMES. THIS LETTER IS SHORT BUT THE THINGS THAT WENT ON IN HOMES YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE. IT WOULD MAKE YOUR HAIR STAND UP.

I WAS A STATE WARD TILL I WAS 18 I LIVED IN ALL YOUR HOME YOU HAD. YOU SHOWED NO RESPECT TO ME WHILE I WAS IN THERE YOU TOOK AWAY MY LIFE MY FAMILY I PUT UP WITH ALL THE BEATINGS THE HIDINGS WHAT YOUR WELFARE OFFICES DID TO ME I HAVE READ MY FILE BUT THEY HAVE COVERED UP EVERY THING IN IT, BUT I MADE IT OUT ALIVE THANK GOD

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I DO NOT BLAME YOU. BUT THE WELFARE THEN BACK
IN THE 50s, THE 60s, THE 70s, THEY COVERED UP THEY
DID NOT GIVE ME A LIFE TO LOOK FORWARD TO. I AM
WHITE THEY CALL THE STOLEN ABORIGINALS WHAT
ABOUT THE WHITE KIDS THAT WERE TAKEN AND NEVER
RETURNED TO THERE FAMILYS LIKE ME.

THERE IS MORE THEN WHAT I HAVE WRITEN BUT
I COULD MAKE A BOOK OUT OF IT. I DO HOPE YOU
READ THIS IF YOU WANT MORE YOU MAY RING ME
OR WRIGHI TO ME

THANK YOU

Michael Moffatt.

