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PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

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[REDACTED]

23rd November, 1982

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I refer to previous correspondence concerning your transfer from [REDACTED]

I have discussed this matter with the [REDACTED] Department and have given close consideration to your submissions and the evidence you have provided in support.

The [REDACTED] has advised that in his opinion some of the actions of the [REDACTED] were foolish. However, he considers that insufficient evidence exists to take disciplinary action.

Obviously, some action was required in the circumstances, it being considered impracticable for you to continue in your close working relationship with the [REDACTED]

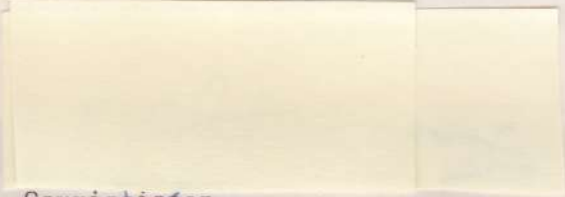
The [REDACTED] took the view that while you were the Officer's personal secretary at the time, this did not mean that you were entitled to hold that position for all time and if circumstances changed you were subject to redeployment within the Department. As you would be aware, the Public Service Regulations provide that the Permanent Head shall, subject to the Minister, be responsible for the general working of his Department and for all the business thereof. In accordance with this, [REDACTED] formed the opinion that the only avenue open to him was to transfer you to another position within the Department, and the only position available was in the typing pool of the Department.

No doubt you will feel aggrieved that as the result of making a complaint about the actions of a superior officer you now find yourself in a position which you would regard as less interesting and to that extent you would feel you, as the innocent party, have suffered. I can sympathise with this view, but the problem in your particular case is that no other satisfactory alternative seems to be open to the Department to deal with the matter. I might observe also that it is most unusual for someone of your age to have been appointed as a personal secretary at such an early stage of her career.

In summary, unless you can satisfy me that a comparable position within the Department is available I will have to conclude that the Department had little option in the matter but to take the action it did.

Whilst I can understand your feelings in the situation in which you now find yourself I would advise you to put the past behind you and make the most of your present position, notwithstanding that you might find it less rewarding than your previous one.

Yours faithfully,



Commissioner.

P.S. I return herewith correspondence you submitted with your initial complaint.
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