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Dear Miss Beecher,

Re: Mr. D.J. Beales, (age 26)  
19 Stanstead Close, Bromley.

Thank you for your letter of the 10.12.80., regarding the above named. The patient had an appointment with my colleague, Dr. Begum, and following that he was admitted to Cane Hill Hospital under my care on the following day.

I saw him this morning in order to prepare the Psychiatric Report you requested. The patient was first known to me in January this year. He was referred by his family Doctor for depression, withdrawal, and general inability to cope. At that time I advised that he should come into Cane Hill Hospital for a period of six months. This he did not accept, and subsequently he was seen in the Accident Centre by Dr. Beckett following taking an overdose. Since then he has been attending the Penge Day-Unit for group therapy, and was for a period of some two months an in-patient in Cane Hill Hospital under the care of Dr. Beckett in April this year.

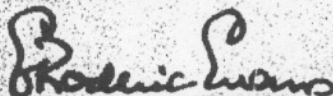
He has been known to the Psychiatric Services since his early 'teens. He is an intelligent boy who did well at school until he was about 15. Despite losing interest and being involved with drug abuse he managed to get 5 'O' levels. His subsequent history is characterised by work instability, prolonged periods of unemployment, and several psychiatric admissions to the Psychiatric Unit at Lambeth and to Oakwood Hospital. I believe he has also appeared before the Court for criminal damage and drug abuse.

The diagnosis has been difficult, and there have been occasions when he has been psychotic. Schizophrenia has been diagnosed, but the possibility of the psychotic illness being secondary to drug abuse has always been present.

On examination today he is somewhat low in spirits, but shows no evidence otherwise of a serious mental illness. On his present showing the diagnosis is that of personality disorder, complicated by dependency on drugs and alcohol.

It is my view that he will require a structured environment for a period of at least six months to attain any stability, and I would, with respect, suggest to the Court that a Probation Order with a condition for residence for psychiatric treatment would be an appropriate way to help him.

Yours sincerely,



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