

AMH/LC

15th December, 1970

Dear Mr. Sherry,

[REDACTED]

As you know [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] months pregnant and at the moment she herself, the doctor, and this Department feel that it would be in her best interests, and in the interests of the unborn child if her pregnancy were terminated. [REDACTED] already has a child in care at Haut de la Garenne. [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] 69, and was originally placed for adoption but [REDACTED] was unable to go through with the placement. [REDACTED] has never cared for [REDACTED] and it seems very unlikely that she will ever be able to make a satisfactory home for the child.

Dr. Reid of Cleveland Road gave [REDACTED] a letter to take to an [REDACTED] hospital last week as you know but [REDACTED] was told in [REDACTED] that she needed a letter of referral from a gynaecologist on the [REDACTED] before she could be considered for an [REDACTED] abortion. It appears that [REDACTED] misunderstood Dr. Reid's instructions and she returned to Jersey hoping for a letter of recommendation from Mr. Birt. Mr. Birt however is unable to give a letter of referral as he feels that Jersey law does not include abortion for mainly social reasons.

We are now hoping that [REDACTED] will be able to go to [REDACTED] where she will be helped by the Samaritans and will contact an [REDACTED] general practitioner who will refer her to a gynaecologist. [REDACTED] still possesses her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] so we are hopeful that she will in fact be able to have an abortion. As [REDACTED] is three months pregnant it is imperative that she goes to [REDACTED] as soon as possible for the operation.

I would be very grateful if your committee would be prepared to help this girl once more as the future of herself, [REDACTED] and the unborn child is in jeopardy.

Yours sincerely,



Children's Officer.