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APPOINTMENT OF ROYAL COMMISSION

Whitehall, London S.W.1.

21st August 1964.

The QUEEN has been pleased to issue a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual in form following:

ELIZABETH R.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith to

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor Derick, Viscount Amory, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, upon whom has been conferred the Territorial Decoration;

The Right Reverend Father in God Robert Cecil, Lord Bishop of Exeter;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Hester Agnes, Baroness Adrian;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Barbara Frances, Baroness Wootton of Abinger;

Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor John Wheatley (commonly called Lord Wheatley), one of the Senators of Our College of Justice in Scotland;

Our Trusty and Well-beloved:

Sir Herbert Edmund Davies, Knight, one of the Justices of Our High Court of Justice;

Sylvia Fletcher-Moulton (commonly called the Honourable Sylvia Fletcher-Moulton), Commander of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Barbara Warburton, Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

Trevor Charles Noel Gibbens, Esquire, Member of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire;

David Basnett, Esquire;

Thomas Lascelles Isa Shandon Valiant Iremonger, Esquire;

James Eugene MacColl, Esquire;

Richard Edward Millard, Esquire;

Jeremy Noah Morris, Esquire;

Leon Radzinowicz, Esquire;

Beatrice Serota,

Greeting!

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue, in the light of modern knowledge of crime and its causes and of modern penal practice here and abroad to re-examine the concepts and purposes which should underlie the punishment and treatment of offenders in England and Wales; to report how far they are realised by the penalties and methods of treatment available to the courts, and whether any

changes in these, or in the arrangements and responsibility for selecting the sentences to be imposed on particular offenders, are desirable; to review the work of the services and institutions dealing with offenders, and the responsibility for their administration: and to make recommendations:

Now know ye that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you the said Derick, Viscount Amory (Chairman); Robert Cecil, Lord Bishop of Exeter; Hester Agnes, Baroness Adrian; Barbara Frances, Baroness Wootton of Abinger; John Wheatley; Sir Herbert Edmund Davies; Sylvia Fletcher-Moulton; Barbara Warburton; Trevor Charles Noel Gibbens; David Basnett; Thomas Lascelles Isa Shandon Valiant Iremonger; James Eugene MacColl; Richard Edward Millard; Jeremy Noah Morris; Leon Radzinowicz; and Beatrice Serota to be Our Commissioners for the purpose of the said inquiry:

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any four or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; to call for information in writing; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid:

And We do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any four or more of you may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment:

And We do further ordain that you, or any four or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do:

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's the fifteenth day of August, 1964; In the thirteenth Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Henry Brooke.

Royal Commission on the Penal System in England and Wales.