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Dear Nuala,

In the process of working on the Factories Inspectorate (see previous emails), I discovered an Office of the Attorney General File entitled "Laundries (Welfare) Regulations, 1973" (AGO/2004/2/25). From previous research, I recognized the file as containing a draft Statutory Instrument forwarded by the government for approval by the AG's office. I have a copy of the original and a copy of the brief memo returning said SI to government with approval (I can forward this if you like). But, I also went to the Government's Webpage and sure enough found "S.I. No. 181/1973 — Laundries (Welfare) Regulations, 1973" in the Irish Statute Book. I attach a .pdf copy to this email.

Again, I know you have collected Questionnaires from many survivors and JFM will be submitting additional testimony shortly. I would ask that you consider testimony that speaks to conditions in the commercial laundry space in light of the conditions that should have operated in commercial Laundries as laid out by this SI.

Doing so will help determine whether the State failed to regulate the Magdalene Laundries thereby pointing to acts of omission.

Best,

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