

III. Method of Investigation

This investigation started on October 1, 1973. Between then and February 9, 1973, 155 persons were interviewed: 53 present and former staff and administration, and 102 present and former students. All students, with several exceptions, who were in residence at the Weeks School for three months or longer at the time the investigation started, were interviewed. The developing investigation necessitated re-interviewing some of the students and staff resulting in a total of over 200 interviews.

David Egner had provided a list of the names of 36 present and former students who allegedly would substantiate the charges of "massive child abuse." Of these 36 students, one has died; one was recovering from a serious automobile accident and was unable to speak; three could not be located. The other 31 were interviewed.

All interviews were consented to by the student or staff member being interviewed. One student declined to be interviewed. All students spoke freely and candidly. To avoid any suggestion that the students might not be willing to speak truthfully to a representative from State Government because they would feel they might receive worse treatment if they told the truth, 46 former students located