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Dear Sri Balraj,

My cousin, Rahul Roy, a pupil of your school has recently given me a piece of information which, if true, is highly disturbing.

The essence of the story he relates is that your school junior team lost in a cricket match and when they returned to school they were systematically caned by Sri D.Browne, your P.T.Master. You are very well aware, I am sure, of the extreme disfavour with which Government views caning and other such forms of capital punishment in schools, particularly so when the provocation is trivial or, as in this case, non-existent.

I should be grateful if you will investigate this matter, ascertain the authenticity of the story and, should the story be true, intimate to Sri Browne that such irrational behaviour on his part might lead to unpleasant consequences for both him and the school.

Should, however, the story be untrue, I should like to apologise in advance for having bothered you with this letter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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