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MENTALLY DISORDERED PERSONS

I have been in consultation with the Commissioner of Police on the subject of a communication recently received in this office from the Director of Medical Services drawing attention to certain cases where mental patients have been received at the Central Mental Hospital, Tanjong Rambutan with incorrect papers. Such cases appear generally to have arisen owing to confusion between criminal cases arising under the various provisions of Chapter XXXIII of the Criminal Procedure Code and cases which come under the Mental Disorders Ordinance 1952 (or the legislation repealed thereby).

2. It would also appear that in the majority of such cases the mentally disordered person had not yet been brought before a Court, though he should have been.

3. It will greatly assist the Police and the Medical Authorities, if the Courts concerned will take especial care to see that the escorts accompanying mentally disordered persons and suspects, with whom the Court has dealt, are provided with the correct orders and other necessary papers as laid down by law.

4. The Commissioner of Police is drawing the attention of his officers to the subject but a check by the Courts will be of considerable assistance in preventing mistakes.

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