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H. B. Whittier, Warden  
State Reformatory for Men  
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Warden Whittier:

This is to authorize you to arrange for the transfer of the present men inmates in the lock-up building at the School and Colony for the Feeble-Minded to the Annex for Defective Delinquents, State Reformatory for men, as authorized by the last session of Legislature - Chapter 565.

The first transfer should be arranged to be effected on Monday, July 2, 1945, with the balance of the inmates to be transferred on Tuesday, July 3, 1945.

Tentative suggestions as to the procedure for care and custody of these inmates will be given you within the next day or two. These suggestions are meant to be a guide in preparing the best program for the care and custody of these people. No doubt changes, both additions and corrections, will be made to this approach as experience will indicate.

Whereas these persons are in need of a maximum of security and care, it is to be remembered at all times that they are not persons convicted of a crime against society, and, whereas they must obey rules and regulations and be subject to discipline, care should be taken and those in charge should be carefully instructed in that these persons are committed under different circumstances than the other inmates in the Reformatory and that they are not, under the law, convicts or felons.

It is my opinion that immediate consideration should be given to a program of vocational or industrial training or occupational therapy and useful employment in and around the institution should be inaugurated at an early date so that their time will be fully occupied which will mean much in reducing daily problems which arise because of lack of something to do.

I am enclosing copy of a letter sent to Doctor Engberg authorizing his transfer to your authority the men now housed in the lock-up building at the School and Colony for Feeble-Minded.

Hereafter all defective delinquents committed to the care and custody of the Director of Public Institutions will be directed to and cared for at the Annex for Defective Delinquents at St. Cloud. This program, according to law, is to be in effect for a two year period from July 1, 1945 to July 1, 1947, and will terminate then unless extended by the Legislature or other authoritative action.

Sincerely yours,

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