

August 9, 1966

Mr. David B. Ray, Jr.
Executive Director
The President's Committee on Mental Retardation
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Ray:

I was very pleased to receive the release Wednesday, July 27 of your new appointment and hope that you will be highly successful and very happy in the performance of the important duties you will be carrying. I do not believe that a more qualified and capable person could have been selected and I am sure that you will give excellent leadership to the Committee.

I do not believe that when you stopped here on a visit enroute home from one of the meetings of the Association that you actually visited any of our buildings, but for the most part they are large buildings, some having as many as 125 beds. We are in the process of replacing obsolete buildings and as soon as suitable space can be made available through the removal of some of the large buildings near our school we shall want to add small buildings for young school children. You will remember that our children are limited almost entirely to the trainable group as the program for the educable is in Owatonna. I know of the great interest you have had in the small cottage-type buildings and shall appreciate it if you could give me information that would be helpful to us in studying this problem. Whatever help you can give will be deeply appreciated.

With personal regards and very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

E. J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

August 18, 1966

E. J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent
Faribault State School
and Hospital
Faribault, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Engberg:

This in reference to your letter of August 9. I appreciate your kind comments regarding my new position. I think this will be a wonderful challenge, but I'm confident that we can only be successful by having the tremendous support and guidance from knowledgeable individuals like you.

I'm delighted to know of your interest in developing some small cottages at your Faribault State School. I will gather some information pertaining to the cottage type guildings and forward it to you under separate cover. In the meantime, I would suggest that you contact Mr. Charles Acuff, Superintendent, Arkansas Children's Colony, Conway, Arkansas, and also Mr. Thomas McIntire, Holiday Isle Lot 112, 1402 West Ajo Way, Tucson, Arizona. Both of these individuals can furnish details pertaining to the cottage type plan. Chuck Acuff through his architect could furnish floor plans and philosophy of the small type units.

Certainly hope things are going well for you. Thank you very much for your letter. I will be forwarding this additional material to you shortly.

Sincerely yours,



David B. Ray, Jr.
Executive Director
President's Committee on
Mental Retardation

Separate Cover

August 22 , 1966

Mr. Charles Acuff, Superintendent
Arkansas Children's Colony
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Acuff:

David B. Ray, Jr., Executive Director of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation had replied to a letter I had written him requesting information that he might provide that would be helpful to us in planning for replacement of obsolete buildings by modern small cottage type buildings. He had suggested that we contact you as you could provide detailed information and might even furnish floor plans and philosophy of the small type units. Any such help that you can give us without expense to us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

E.J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent

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August 22, 1966

Mr. Thomas J. McIntire
1402 W. Ajo Way
Lot 112
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. McIntire:

David B. Ray, Jr., Executive Director of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation had replied to a letter I had written him requesting information that he might provide that would be helpful to us in planning for replacement of obsolete buildings by modern small cottage type buildings. He had suggested that we contact you as you could provide detailed information regarding this type of building. Any such help that you can give us without expense to us will be greatly appreciated.

With personal regards and very best wishes,

Sincerely,

E. J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent

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