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Dr. D. L. McCullough  
Medical Superintendent  
Provincial Training School  
Red Deer, Alberta

Dear Dr. McCullough:

We received your inquiry regarding the plan of our present infirmary and are enclosing a rough sketch of the ground floor plan with some general dimensions.

There are two such buildings on the campus,- one for males and one for females. The Women's Infirmary, selected as an example, has about 130 patients divided into two groups. A younger group, mostly children, are housed in one dormitory, one large toilet and bathroom, one large playroom, a clothes room and one dining room.

The other 65 older women are housed in identical accommodations in the other half of the building. The two groups share a court and large yard for recreational purposes, a serving room, a reception room for visitors, and a marking room for the sorting of laundry, marking, mending, and pressing of clothes. The Staff Physician is also provided with a clinic and dressing room in this building. In the basement there is a small laundry for special washing, as the bulk of the laundry is sent daily to the institution laundry. There is no provision for a kitchen, since the food is prepared in a central kitchen and sent through tunnels to all of our cottages.

Two attendants are on duty during the daytime with each group. At night an attendant is on duty for both groups or for 130 patients.

A Food Service Supervisor is also employed to have charge of the serving in dining rooms. A large group of able-bodied patients, of imbecile and low moron mentality, assist the attendants and Food Service Supervisor in caring for the helpless patients, and in the cleaning, waiting on table, dish washing, etc.

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A Charge Attendant supervises the whole building and is responsible to the Division Head for its management.

This infirmary has accommodations for the employees who work there on the second floor, including an apartment for the Charge Attendant and single rooms for the others.

We regret the delay in answering your letter, but there was some difficulty in locating our blue prints. We shall be glad to furnish you with any more information which you might desire.

Very truly yours,

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Superintendent

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