January 3, 1948

Mr. Carl H. Swanson, Director
Division of Public Institutions
410 Globe Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Attention: Miss Mildred Thomson

Dear Mr. Swanson:

Commencing Jan. 12th, we will be able to accept twenty-five active males for Building 3, which is now in the process of being opened. Due to overcrowding in the men's division, where a number are sleeping on mattresses on the floor, we must first transfer from that group into Building 3 a certain number who can assist in the necessary preparation. We wonder if the twenty-five males could not be divided so that twelve would come in the week of Jan. 12th, and thirteen the week of Jan. 19th.

We presume that [Name] would be included in this group, as the correspondence indicates that his case is particularly urgent.

The reason that more spaces for females are not being offered at this time is because of the arrangements which are being made for accepting males. However, besides [Name], we could take four more this very next week (commencing Jan. 5th) who have had the physicals completed. Then we could clear these four from our hospital admission ward before the males start to enter. The other urgent females will probably have to wait until the first week in February, when we should be able to offer you more spaces for Buildings 3 and 4.

As you know, the readmission of [Name] has been requested by St. Louis County. We could accept her here, besides the other four, during the week of January 5th, if you approve.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent

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Attention: Miss Thomson

Dear Mr. Swanson:

We received your letter regarding the possibility of accepting wards for Building 4, in February. We could admit about forty female persons from the waiting list during the month of February. We wonder if it might not be desirable to make no discrimination here as to whether the new admission would be for Building 3 or Building 4. Then it would be possible for the counties to bring in together their urgent female cases without making two trips. If you think this plan is advisable we could commence taking these persons the week of February 2nd, at the rate of ten a week, and leave the selection of the exact cas to your office. We would also suggest that during this month as few males be made special as possible so that we could use our hospital admission wards for females.

We presume that Mrs. Geena Radier from Itasca County would be one of those admitted, as you had inquired regarding space in connection with her case.

Very truly yours,

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