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St. Paul 1

November 16, 1948

Dr. E. J. Engberg, Superintendent
School for Feebleminded
Faribault, Minnesota

My dear Dr. Engberg:

As you know, one of Mr. Vevle's buildings for boys burned down and now the fire marshal has condemned a building for girls. They must be moved almost immediately from the building they are in. It has, therefore, seemed that it would be wise, at least at this time and perhaps permanently, to reduce the usual age limit at Owatonna to nineteen — although, of course, there would be exceptions up to age twenty-one — and, therefore, at this time to remove all of the girls and boys who have had their nineteenth birthday unless there is some definite reason for leaving them.

Mr. Vevle has written in on a large number of these for some of whom he recommends return to the community and others transfer. Many of those for whom return to the community is recommended should, without doubt, be considered for sterilization and that probably before they are returned. We are, therefore, asking that you let us know whether there is any chance of your being able to reinstate the sterilization program during the winter and spring.

Furthermore, would you at this time be able to accept perhaps ten or fifteen girls, nineteen years old or older, a number of whom were transferred from Faribault to Owatonna and have intelligence quotients in the low fifties, sometimes varying into the forties. The same would hold for boys, but perhaps there are not so many of these as there are of girls.

May we hear from you just as soon as possible, as we are delaying writing on most of those on whom Mr. Vevle has made reports and recommendations until we hear from you. In some instances, if sterilization is to be considered, there are going to have to be re-hearings, and consideration given as to how best they can be held.

Very truly yours,

Division of Public Institutions
Carl J. Jackson, Director

By *Mildred Thomson*

Mildred Thomson (Miss)
Head, Bureau for Mentally
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November 27, 1948

Mr. Carl J. Jackson, Director
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St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Attention: Miss Mildred Thomson

Dear Miss Thomson:

We received your letter regarding the admission of a group of patients from Owatonna.

We have space for the girls and can accept fifteen of them. However, our buildings for males are filled and we can only take an emergency now and then. Perhaps if there are a limited number who can be included in the sterilization program, we could arrange to take them temporarily, as we are hoping to operate on males this winter. It does not seem advisable to operate upon females as we still do not have trained nurses who can take care of the women who have surgery.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Engberg, M.D.
Superintendent

CP'y

cc: Mr. Vevle