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State Inst-A_{nnex} MINNESOTA STATE REFORMATORY FOR MEN AT ST. CLOUD

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Ray Lappegaard,
Deputy Commissioner
Superintendent Carl J. Jackson

Date: May 24, 1957

Re:

From:

As you know, we have about seventy Defective Delinquents who are housed in our Annex and are programmed for activities throughout the institution. We have followed the policy of allowing them \$2.40 a month for cigarettes and tobacco, and \$1.00 a month for confections and other incidentals; in addition, we have given them \$.80 a month for toilet articles, such as soap, toothpaste, shaving soap, razor blades, etc. This has been taken from our current expense account.

The Legislature increased our inmate wage very alightly; in other words, it has cost us about \$49,000 a year to maintain our inmate payroll and we were awarded \$55,000 a year in the next biennium.

We are requesting this, that we be permitted to place the patients in our Annex on the regular inmate payroll, allowing them from \$.15 to \$.25 a day, depending upon the assignment and the wage breakdown that is provided. Under this plan we propose to let them pay for their own incidentals, with the exception of the toilet articles, as the majority of these men will be on a basis of \$.15 a day, five day a week program. We are also proposing to let them spend three-fourths of their wages, and retain one-fourth as a release accumulation. At the present time, we are granting each one who goes out for the first time, only \$10.00.

Our current expense account is such that we have to create savings in the 39 group and under this plan, the situation will be relieved to some extent. In addition, I believe it will be welcome by these men because they will feel that they will be on the same basis as the other men. It may also teach them to be cognizant of their account and therefore plan accordingly.

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Conrad Peterson and I believe he is acceptable to the idea. I would like to have your concurrence to the plan.

Thank you.

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cc-Mr. Conrad Peterson

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