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Dr. Gunnar Dybwad, Executive Director
National Association for Retarded Children
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New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Dybwad:

I read with a great deal of interest your article "Dr. Dybwad Disagrees With View That Institutions Are Vanishing" in Children Limited for December, 1959, and was very glad that we received from your office six additional copies as we have been able to put them to good use. I gave one copy to our state architect in the Department of Administration, one to the Legislative Interim Commission on Buildings, one to the chairman of a "Governor's Task Force" committee which is studying our program, as are similar Task Forces for other institutions and state agencies, and one to Mr. Ove Wangenstein, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Welfare, and who is one of the members of the Task Force for this institution as are Dr. Donald H. Berglund, President, and John Holahan, Research Chairman, of the Minnesota Association for Retarded Children. I plan to give a copy to the Legislative Research Committee which is studying the feasibility of an Iron Range Hospital meeting here on February 26. They wish to visit some of our new as well as oldest buildings and to see some of our services especially the kitchen and laundry. I hope all will give the very careful consideration your views deserve. The other copies were placed in our library after circulating them to members of our professional staffs. We want to thank you for them as well as the six copies of the February issue which have just arrived.

A couple of years ago Mr. Gosta M. Nordfors who is Headmaster and Administrative Chief, Stockholm County Central Board For Education and Care of Mentally Deficient, Landstingets, Sarakelehem, Upplands-Vasby, Sweden, visited here and I had the pleasure of visiting him and his institution a little over a year ago. I received a Christmas greeting from him during the holidays and I think that you will be interested to know that he requested my opinion as to whether it would be wiser to plan for 500 custodial cases to be cared for in one rather than two institutions as they are about to make plans to provide institutional beds for them. He had indicated that he thought it would be wiser to plan for 500 in the one institution. I replied that I agree with him and expressed an interest in knowing the decision reached when made.

I hope that during your national convention in Minneapolis this year that it will be possible for you to visit us here in Faribault. We would regard it as a very high honor.

With personal regards and very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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Superintendent

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