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Unit System

1. Your plan for the Unit System (Krafve-Bartman memo 11-15-65) is very interesting and promising. However, we have not had a chance to discuss it thoroughly here as yet, and certain points are not clear (see item 6).
2. The effective date should be postponed until February 7, 1966 (four weeks) until the points are clarified.
3. Dr. Bartman will be meeting with you in the next week or so to discuss the points for clarification.
4. We will take up the proposal here on December 28, 1965. Your response should be in by no later than December 21, 1965, in 10 copies.
5. If it is appropriate, we could invite you up after December 28, 1965, to go over the proposal.
6. Points for clarification.
 - 6.1 The logic of the Unit is not clear. That is, are these arranged by topographical proximity on the grounds? By geographical region of the residents (Clarinda Plan)? By some predominant type of caseload?

Thus to one not familiar with the institution layout, the difference between the various units is not clear.

Schedule B shows "New Infirmary," "New School," "Hospital." I'm not sure what "New Infirmary" and "New School" mean in this context. Schedule C shows two "New Units": are these the same as "New Infirmary" and "New School" on Schedule B?

- 6.2 Dr. Bartman has been working with the mental retardation institutions for several months in developing the programmatic concept. This plan is to be applied on a uniform basis throughout the mental retardation institutions. There is no evidence in the Unit System proposal material as submitted to show how the Program idea will be implemented. Do you have an analysis of the patients in the various cottages as they are now located? Any plans for regrouping, and if so, in what sequence?

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December 10, 1965

The top paragraph of page 2 of the Krafft-Bartman memo of November 15, 1965, states "we will remedy this situation...." but I fear that this is not specific enough. (Incidentally, the November 4, 1965, memo from Krafft to the staff, handed out at the recent Bus Tour, does not include the paragraph referring to Programs, which suggests that the November 15, 1965, paragraph was inserted as an afterthought).

7. In view of the above, I do not feel that I can approve the Unit System proposal in its present form, until these clarifications have been made.

Thank you.

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cc: Task Force