

April 1, 1966

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Dear Doctor Shiefelbusch:

I am writing this letter on the suggestion of Mrs. Sally Luther, Administrative Assistant to Governor Rolvaag. A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to discuss and explore with her the possibilities of a Mental Retardation research Center at the Faribault State School and hospital. I learned that the creation of several distinctive Research Centers in different localities of Minnesota combined under a united direction was under consideration, and that a plan along similar lines had been developed in the state of Kansas.

In connection with such thinking, we would be most grateful to you if you would send us a copy of your application for a "Grant for a Research Center in Mental Retardation and Human Development under public law 86-1611 Title I, Part I".

I would like to mention, that in 1957 we established a biochemical laboratory at the Faribault State School and hospital and since then are engaged in research in various areas of mental retardation: Diet studies of older PKU patients | observations on behavior •ana learning abilities of PKU •patients on high and low phenylalanine blood levels; determination of gene carriers among the relatives of our

patients by phenylalanine loading test! excretion of tryptophane Metabolites in PKU; survey of our population of 2900 patients for X-Chromosomal abnormalities by buccal smear technique; survey of our pediatric population of 685 cases for heparitin sulfate excreters, etc.

We feel that our research, laboratory could serve well as a nucleus for a multifacet research center,

Thank you for the copy of your grant and any advice you might be able to give us.

Sincerely,

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