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Mr. Gerald F. Walsh  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Association for Retarded Children  
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Dear Jerry:

This is in response to your letter of 24 March, 1967, inquiring about utilization of Federal funds under Title I, P.L. 89-10 at Faribault State Hospital.

The staff at Faribault, during the last fiscal year ending 30 August, 1966, were not able to take full advantage of the funds available under Title I, P.L. 89-10. There are several reasons for this; mainly, the rather suddenness of the program and the relatively short time for preparing the project application. They could, however, have made use of more funds had they had a Director of Rehabilitation Therapy.

During this fiscal year I think that they will be utilizing almost all of their entitlement under Title I, and, although we have had to put a great deal of effort into getting them going and helping them develop the project plan, they have, in fact, come up with an approved Project TEACH. I believe you have a copy of the Project TEACH idea. Their project goes along this line with certain local modifications that are approvable in so far as we are concerned.

The projects at Faribault are going to be conducted in the Spruce and Pine buildings and will cost \$121,000 for staff and equipment. The main effort will be to create small living units in these wards with furniture, dividers, etc., and staff will consist mainly of part-time people employed to carry out small group learning activities under supervision of the Rehabilitation Therapy staff.

If you'd like to know more about the Project TEACH at Faribault, I'd be very happy to fill you in on it, and, in the meantime, I would appreciate any publicity you can give Project TEACH, since I think that this is a major step forward in programming for the most retarded persons at both Faribault and Cambridge.

I would say this--that with more staff available in any of the institutions we would be in a better position to explore other creative ways of using the Federal dollar. This also goes for Central Office staff in developing various kinds of resources in order to program for the patients. As you know, I have several projects going now, and it's mainly a matter of time to get such things going.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ardo', written in a cursive style.

Ardo M. Wrobel, Chief  
Rehabilitation Therapy Programs