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Individual letters
sent to the following
Cedar Parents:

August 14, 1978

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As I indicated at our meeting of August 8, 1978, I am sending you a letter re-capping our discussion of that evening. First of all, I want to thank each of you for attending that particular meeting. I also believe that it was very helpful to have Senator Renneke at that particular meeting. I know that Mr. and Mrs. Ball had been in contact with him earlier and he was instrumental in helping set up the meeting between the parents and administrative staff and others here at the Faribault State Hospital.

Some of the specifics that we talked about at that particular meeting are incorporated in two letters that I am attaching to this one. The first one is a letter to Senator Earl Renneke and explains where we are at and what has happened as far as the CETA positions are concerned. The second letter is a letter that I drafted that will appear in our "Round Table" and will go to all parents. I believe the content of these two letters will give you a good idea as to where we're at and what is happening at the Faribault State Hospital and, in effect, covers the information that we discussed at our meeting on August 8.

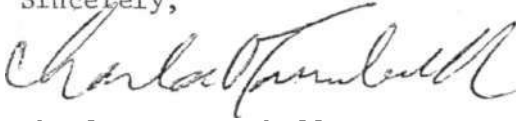
In addition, however, there were several things that came up at the meeting that were specific to the residents in the Special Training Unit in Cedar Building. First of all, I indicated that that particular building would be one of two or three that we were going to be putting extra efforts into in terms of evaluation and building back some of the programs that were lost because of the loss of our CETA positions. At that meeting we indicated to you that during the initial planning efforts we had to make cuts in all areas including that particular area. Now we have to evaluate where we're at and as resources become available, build back in those particular areas where the cuts have had the most drastic effects. I believe that in terms of residential living, this is one of the major areas.

The second area that I told you I would look at in regards to this is the composition of the building management team, and that we will make some special efforts to take a look at that and build that back so that we have the type of staff in there working and directing the activities of that unit so that we can again have some of the special programs that those children and young adults need.

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Again, I want to thank each of you for attending that meeting. I believe it was a good meeting and helped not only parents, but also staff to understand the magnitude of each other's concerns. Hopefully, we can build back and have the positions that are needed to do the job here at the Faribault State Hospital. If there are any other questions, please get in touch with us.

Sincerely,



Charles V. Turnbull
Chief Executive Officer

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Attach.

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