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Mr. Charles Turnbull
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Charlie:

I, too, am sorry that we didn't get a chance to meet when I visited Faribault State Hospital in the latter part of August. As you are aware, the purpose of my visit was to review the problems that the hospital has been having as a result of the cutbacks in funding available for Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) positions at the hospital.

Representative Orv Birnstihl, Commissioner Dirkswager, and the Minnesota Association for Retarded Citizens have expressed concern about the effects of these cutbacks at Faribault and other state institutions. I know that you have worked hard to minimize the negative impact of the loss of these positions and we all appreciate your efforts very much.

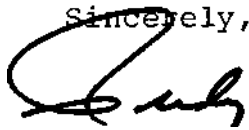
Under these circumstances, it is imperative that you review staffing patterns with special emphasis to make certain that the residents are well taken care of at peak times (early in the morning and later afternoons) and and on the night shift.

Commissioner Dirkswager has indicated to me that he has directed each of the chief executive officers in institutions serving the mentally retarded to report to him about the staffing needs for the various institutions so that he may present to me a complete overview of the problem as he sees it as part of the Department's biennial budget request. I assure you that I will give careful consideration to Commissioner Dirkswager's suggestions in this matter.

The Department of Public Welfare is reviewing the likelihood of new CETA funds being available beginning October 1, 1978. If it appears that funding will be available on a long-term basis for CETA positions, it will be possible to restore some of the positions which you lost early in the summer.

I want you and your staff to know that I am highly appreciative of the high quality care which you are providing to the residents of Faribault State Hospital.

Sincerely,



Rudy Perpich
Governor

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*My best to Mervin &
family -*