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Mr. M.A. Larson  
Executive Secretary  
Clearwater County Welfare Board  
Bagley, Minnesota

Attention: Miss O'Berg

My dear Mr. Larson:

I have your letter asking if the space made vacant by the death of a child from your county could be filled by another child from your county. This is not our policy. Vacancies created by death or by removal from the institution because of being ready for plans outside are filled by the next person on the waiting list. If this were not true, counties that in the past have done very little in the way of planning for the feebleminded, would be left with very few entrances at this time even though they might now be doing a good job and have many people ready for institutional care. As it is now, the counties that have made the commitments and have taken care of persons in the community until the name is reached on the waiting list, do have a better opportunity for eventually getting the care given to those who need it than the counties who have failed to become interested in the feebleminded and have not even brought them into Court. I believe without doubt this is the fairest method of filling spaces.

Yours very truly,

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cc Dr. Engberg  
Mr. Greenwald

(Miss) Mildred Thomson  
Supervisor, Section for  
Feebleminded & Epileptic