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Dr. E. J. Engberg
Superintendent
Minnesota School and Colony
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My dear Dr. Engberg:

There is to be another institute this year for the county workers who supervise the mentally deficient. This will be held October 17, 18, 19 at the Continuation Center.

In discussing the program, a group including county workers and University faculty members as well as this office thought it would be well for persons visiting the institutions to do it on the first day. After visits they would come together for a discussion at the end of the day with someone from each group reporting on the institution so that discussion would cover all of them as part of a total plan for the mentally deficient.

The idea proposed was that when persons registered they would be asked which institution they wishto visit with first, second, and third choice so that no institution would have a number larger than 25 or 30, but that as far as possible, each person go to the institution he or she most desired to visit.

The Continuation Center would plan to have only two busses that would leave the Center at 8:00 on Monday morning, October 17. One bus would go by Cambridge and leave persons that wishto visit that institution, arriving at the Annex for Defective Delinquents probably between 10:00 and 10:30. The other bus would take a group to be dropped at Faribault, arriving at Owatonna about 10:00 or 10:30. This would give time for superintendents to have the main points of the institution shown to the group and talk with them concerning the program and the cooperation desired from the welfare boards and given by the institution.

The Director approves the institution serving lunch to the group. It would probably mean leaving St. Cloud and Owatonna at 1:30 at the latest in order to pick up the groups at the other two institutions and arrive back at the Center not later than 3:30.



Dr. E. J. Engberg

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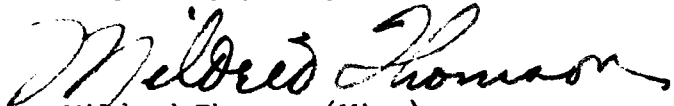
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We wish further cooperation from you if you are willing to give it. I will shortly have a copy of the definite program made for you, but just now will state that on Wednesday, the 19th, there will be a panel discussion on what the community can do to help the mentally deficient adjust with many persons speaking, as well as a paper on legal status and protection.

We should like you to preside at that meeting and remain for the afternoon discussion in smaller groups.

May we know whether this plan meets with your approval.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mildred Thomson".

Mildred Thomson (Miss)
Head, Bureau for Mentally
Deficient & Epileptic