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Ralph Rossen, M.D.  
Commissioner of Mental Health  
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Minneapolis 2, Minnesota

Dear Doctor Rossen:

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and which I did not answer earlier as I had desired to discuss the matter of our cemetery with you, and shall do so at the next opportunity. For several years we have had a person designated as the one responsible for the proper care of the hospital cemetery and at present this person is Mr. Bertrend Larson, Groundsman II. Our graves are marked by numbers and not by names and it is this matter that should like to have you give your consideration in order to determine whether the present plan should be continued or modified.

We agree fully with you that a caretaker of our cemetery exercise all due care in funeral procedure and in the care of the cemetery.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. Engberg, M.D.  
Superintendent

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Cc: Mr. Krafve  
Cc: Mr. Bertrand Larson  
Cc: Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl

The above is in reply to the following letter:

"It has occurred to this office that the superintendents of each hospital should assign one person the definite responsibility of properly taking care of the hospital cemeteries.

"In those cases where burial is made at the institution, it is incumbent to have the funeral properly carried on in as dignified a manner as possible. The cemeteries should be fenced, landscaped with flowers, and the graves should be marked with the correct names.

"We would appreciate it greatly if you would instruct your caretaker of your cemetery to exercise all due care in funeral procedure and in the overall care given to the cemetery."