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Faribault Task Force

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MEMORANDUM

To: State Board of Directors
Presidents of all Local Units
Institutions Correspondents

FROM: Gerald F. Walsh, Executive Director

SUBJECT: CHARGES AGAINST THE FARIBAULT STATE SCHOOL & HOSPITAL

By now all of you have heard on the radio or read in the paper that Charles Green, a former psychologist at the Faribault State School and Hospital has made certain charges against the institution and its staff.

Representing the Association, I attended an all day meeting of the Task Force Committee at Faribault on Tuesday, January 5th. This Task Force is one of many, each studying various institutions and State colleges. At this meeting, Mr. Green asked to make a statement about his employment at Faribault and termination of employment, which he did. Mr. Green had been employed on a six month provisional basis as allowed under Civil Service regulations, however, when he took his Civil Service examination after beginning his employment, he failed the oral part. According to Mr. Green's own statement, he failed this part because the Civil Service "considered him an unstable person."

Having listened to Mr. Green and the staff members at Faribault, I feel that these charges are definitely unfounded and we have issued a statement to this affect to the newspapers, United Press, Associated Press, television and radio. We have said that we have been very close to the institution and we know many parents who have children at the institutions and have not heard of any cases where children were kept in the institution if they could be cared for outside of it, nor have we heard of any cases of mistreatment of patients. We feel that we should send this information to you because people in your community may be asking about this situation.

Again, to sum up this situation, we feel that these charges are completely unwarranted and unfounded.