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DATE: March 12, 1968

TO: Medical Services Division State Institutions
Attention: ~~Medical~~ Directors
Administrators
Rehabilitation Therapy Directors
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FROM: David J. Vail, M.D.
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SUBJECT: W. W. Keenan, Director, Minnesota National Laboratory
O.K. to do Study on Institutions

In a planning meeting of Institution Program Coordinators and Rehabilitation Therapy Directors of Institutions for the Mentally Retarded, March 8, 1968, Mr. Ardo Wrobel, Director, Mental Retardation Program Office, Medical Services Division; Mr. Clyde Bezanson, Title I Office, Department of Education; Mr. John Groos, Special Education; Mr. William Keenan, Director, Minnesota National Laboratory; and Mr. Ralph Ford, Chief, Rehabilitation Therapies, an agreement was reached to have the Minnesota National Laboratory do a study of institution education programs.

The Minnesota National Laboratory, subsidiary of Minnesota Department of Education, has been engaged to do a full and comprehensive study of "learning programs" in the mentally retarded institutions. Costs of this study are covered under the recently established cooperative agreement between the Department of Public Welfare, Department of Education, a Title I, 89-313 Project.

The purpose of this study by the Minnesota National Laboratory is:

1. To describe the current programs of education and training in Minnesota's institutions for the retarded.
2. To assess the needs for education and training as they exist in these institutions; including evaluation of children as needed by institutions staff.
3. To determine how present programs are meeting needs and to identify and describe areas of current educational and training needs.
4. To analyze laws to see how their provisions for grants and other aids may be utilized to provide for current needs in the area of training and education.
5. To suggest in broad outline proposals and projects that may be written and submitted under various laws to meet determined needs.

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I believe this is an extremely important development and has far-reaching implications for future program development and use of resources.

You can expect Mr. Keenan to contact you shortly concerning the study. Since this concerns one of the major services of Rehabilitation Therapy, Mr. Ford will carry out this project in coordination with the Mental Retardation Program Office.

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