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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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Dear Helen Kohlgemuth,

I feel you have made  
a misjudgement concerning  
Dr. James H. McClland Jr.,  
Superintendent of Polk State  
School & Hospital. Dr. Mc  
Cllland has done wonders  
for this place especially with  
lack of funds and the need  
for more assistance. The  
State is at fault in the im-  
proper or inefficient funds  
which this place needs to  
run a more up-date &  
efficient institution.

Concerning those carts  
they are beneficial to a certain  
degree The Home for Crippled  
Children and Children's Hospital  
over



in Pittsburgh use them. In-  
quire and you will find out  
these carts serve their purposes  
ideally!!!

[ About those playpens  
(“cages”) ] you have to take in the  
mental I. Q.'s of these children  
and adults; and the good  
valid uses of them. Some of these  
children and adults have to be  
protected. I have put my  
children in a playpen at  
times for their protection. I  
didn't feel I was using  
inhumane treatment.

Polk has a lot of  
good merits through Dr. Mc  
Celland, <sup>deep</sup> concern for Polk (might  
not have come about if it wasn't  
of his deep affection for these  
retarded individuals). The  
classrooms seem to have very  
good instruction. The different  
workshops really give these  
individuals a trade to learn,



which will give <sup>some of</sup> them an opportunity to support themselves completely or semi. Also some of these individuals are being busied to No-tick in Ability to learn other trades which are not available at Polk. These individuals are being sent to Erie, Pittsburgh, etc, to get more education and to live among society. There are just a few things, plus they have a good physical therapy dept, too. As you can see, I could go on and on.

I understand you have a lot of responsibility in the welfare of our state. As a concerned citizen and voter, please search in your heart and conscience that



this action was <sup>for</sup> the good  
of the Folk. May God give us  
the wisdom to this problem  
and how to solve it. My prayers  
go out to you and Dr McClelland.  
May God bless you in this  
office in our government.

A concerned citizen,  
Mrs L L Campbell