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Dr. Mrs. Helena Wahlgenmuth:

I'm writing you this letter in reference to
the bad publicity Polk State School & Hospital is getting
you firing of Dr McClelland,

No 1 - I'll tell you my story, We are parents
of a Retarded daughter at Polk State School & Hospital
My daughter is 26 yrs old she has been at Polk
18 yrs. We visit our daughter every 2 weeks for the
last 18 yrs. So I can say I've been there at least 300
times, me & my wife have been through the school
many times, in all the time we been there I
did not see any of the children or Patients abused.

The people that work at Polk are dedicated
people & best in the world, they are concerned for the
well being of the Patients

Now No 1 you've been in office 2 1/2 yrs. & this
is your first visit to Polk for 2 hrs. you don't know
what it's like to Polk to build in 75 yrs, Why didn't you
visit Polk sooner? Is it because No-2, you took the
word of Mrs Clapp President of P.H.R.C., if Mrs Clapp
is so concerned over the Parents of Retarded children
why don't we all stick together, Why are we so divided?
O-R-E-R

II

Even in her own organization P.H.R.C. they are divided
Why destroy what good we have until we can find
better ~~what~~ ways.

I see them cages as you call them, Well
you call them what you want, I say they served their
purpose, If my daughter had to be restrained that
way, I'd rather have it that way, Then what you
recommend No. 1 use Drugs. We have to many
drug users in this County all ready + drug will kill
eventually, No 2 you said small rooms. I would not
want my daughter in a small room, God knows
what could happen in there, You get Clustatobin in
small Enclosures, So if we do not have any better
solutions, Why destroy what we have, At least in the
cages as you call them they could be ~~at least~~ seen + they
would be near the children but could not do no harm
I understand that a few patients + 2 attendants been
hurt since you removed the cages was that good?

You destroyed Dr. McClellands reputation
+ all good he stood for, he was a very dedicated man
for the Retarded children, Loved by all that knew him
+ his record speaks for it self. after 32 yrs serving
OVER

III

even did you have th heart to do this, We all make mistakes, We are human beings, If you did not like th cages why did you not tell him to remove them, & if he didnt comply then do something about it, you just dont find people for a few mistakes,?

Or is Mrs Clapp Pres. of P.H.R.C part of your organization, & Dr Mc Clelland was in your way & you had to get rid of him Please do not play Politics with our Retarded Children

Why didnt you ask th Parents of Retarded Children of Polk like my self who have children there If I saw my daughter was being miss treated, Id be th first to speak up, A few people make 1 or 2 visits & judge by that, do be th 300 times let us be th judge, Does Mrs Clapp have any on at Polk?

My writing might be bad but I had to get this off my chest, so please excuse th writing, So in closing, In Gods name I ask & Pray for you to reinstate Dr Mc Clelland, If you are concerned for Retarded Children, & parents of Retarded Children do this for us Such at Heart Parents of Archie your Fido's daughter at Polk State School's Hospital Mr & Mrs John Fido's