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Ms. Helene Wohlgemuth
Secretary
Department of Public Welfare
Harrisburg, Pa.

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Re: Firing of Supt. McClelland

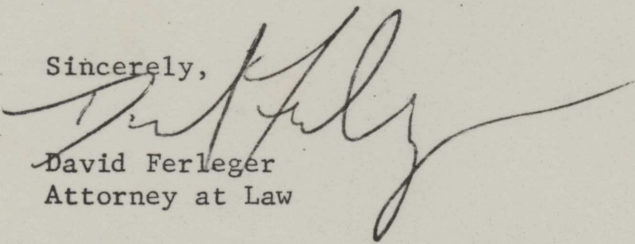
Dear Secretary Wohlgemuth:

As you know, our organization is involved in active day-to-day work with mental patients in the Philadelphia area and at Haverford State Hospital. We are most concerned about assuring that institutional conditions and administrators support the welfare and rights of patients.

Because of our concern, we wish to express total support for your decision to order the dismantling of the "cages/pens" at the Polk institution and the firing of its superintendent. We feel that this action was most consistent with your duties as Secretary of Public Welfare. We hope that, despite the criticism of you from some quarters, you will remain steadfast in your resolve to end this and other inhumane practices in state schools and hospitals.

If we can be of any assistance to you in this area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


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