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DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Dear Mrs. Wohlgemuth: Re: to \_\_\_\_\_

First of all, I must compliment you & your staff for your excellent "Sweep" program in our Westmoreland County on our Welfare people. I think that with more time, your staff can remove or reduce the many cheaters & chiselers that are still preying on us taxpayers. Once again I compliment you on a job well done.

Now I have a serious complaint & I disagree with your version & with your decision on firing Dr. James McClelland from the Polk hospital. I am sure Patricia Clapp has helped sway your decisions at which I am very surprised, but I would like for you & Patricia to take over the management of Polk for a few days with full authority & power & I can assure you now, that both of you would resign within a few days & both of you would be on the verge of a nervous breakdown. These people are not average people & they are retarded, some a lot worse than others & have to be dealt with according to their conditions. We put little children into smaller play pens & think nothing of it,



because it is for their protection  
& safety. Everyone isn't put into those  
cages only those that can't be handled  
otherwise. To put them in straight-jackets  
or shoot sedatives into them all the  
time is much worse. You & Pat Clapp  
don't realize what the staff employees  
put up with everyday & how hard it is  
to control some of them.

I have a sister at the Somerset  
State hospital for three years & I find  
nothing wrong with my sister or the  
other patients. We must accept the fact  
reluctantly, that these are not normal  
people.

I hope that you reconsider your  
very unfair decision, because I think  
you are too intelligent to do  
otherwise.

I thank you.

Sincerely  
A. Tappan of  
Westmoreland County  
and the  
Commonwealth