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Mrs. Virginia Thornburgh  
President, Allegheny Co. Chapter  
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1001 Brighton Rd.  
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Dear Ginny:

Thank you for bringing to my attention  
the very serious conditions at Western State  
School and Hospital which have resulted in  
past accidents and deaths.

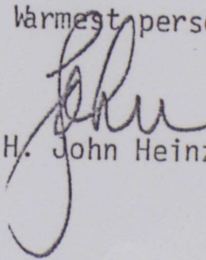
It disturbs me that the poor quality of  
care provided residents at the institution has  
become intolerable, as evidenced in the summary  
of case histories which you provided me.

My correspondence to Mr. Hiltner concerning  
the difficulty which Mrs. B. [REDACTED] had encountered  
in placing her son at the institution was for the  
purpose of clarifying the background of conditions  
which have created an unfavorable climate for  
further admissions to Western State School.

I sincerely support your continuing efforts  
to monitor activities at Western State School and  
Hospital in the hope of insuring the best possible  
care for its residents.

With best wishes,

Warmest personal regards,

  
H. John Heinz III, M.C.

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