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MRS. WOHLGEMUTH,
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Rel. to
MY GOD BLESS YOU. I AM AN EX-MENTAL
PATIENT. AS A YOUNG MAN, I WAS A VERY SICK PERSON
MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY. I RECOVERED MY HEALTH
UNDER THE CARE OF DR. CHARLES MITCHELL OF
THE WARREN STATE HOSPITAL - 20 YEARS LATER
I HAD A SETBACK AND WAS RECOMMITED - MRS.
WOHLGEMUTH YOU HAVE JUST SCRATCHED THE
SURFACE AT POLK.

THESE STATE INSTITUTIONS ARE A LAW,
A WAY OF LIFE, A FEUDAL KINGDOM IF YOU WILL,
THERE IS NO REVENGE OR MALICE IN MY MAKEUP,
THE STAFF LOVES THEIR JOBS - NO WORK,
LOTS OF PAY, AND ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE TO THE
KING (SUPERINTENDENT)

NO ONE IS MORE AWARE OF MENTAL
ILLNESS THAN THE VICTIM.

WARREN IS AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN
A GOSSIPERS PARADISE - FROM MRS. ISRAEL
ALL THE WAY DOWN THE LINE, IT IS THEIR
LIVES BLOOD TO VERBALLY DISSECT THE
PATIENTS, BUT THESE WOMEN STAFF MEMBERS
ARE POWERFUL IN THEIR OWN LITTLE BALIWICK,
WHO IS TO SAY THEM NAY?

PROBABLY THE MOST AGGRAVATING THING ABOUT BEING A MENTAL PATIENT IS THE FROZEN, MYSTERIOUS FACIAL EXPRESSIONS OF THE STAFF, THERE IS NOTHING IN MY COMMITTEMENT THAT WARRANTS THIS DEMEANOR BY THE STATE HOSPITAL STAFFS,

I HAD A NICE HOME, A PRETTY WIFE AND 10 ANGEL BOYS FROM GOD, A GOOD JOB - THEN IT SEEMS WHEN A WOMAN STARTS - MONKEYING AROUND, SHE CANT QUIT - I HAD TO BREAK UP MY HOME - IT KNOCKED ME FOR A GOAL.

PLEASE ASK THE GREAT "I AM" DR, ISRAEL WHY HE NEVER WALKS THE WARDS OR ATTENDS PATIENT STAFF MEETINGS, DR. CHAS. MITCHELL CAME RIGHT DOWN TO MY PADDED CELL AND TALKED TO ME BETTER THAN A FATHER, HE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON, HE WAS A DOCTOR, NOT A FIGURE HEAD.