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PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION
FOR RETARDED CITIZENS

Mr. L. Steuart Brown, President
Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Citizens
1500 North Second Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102

Dear Steu:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the number of deaths
in our State Schools.

The attached sheets represent a breakout, as requested, of those
deaths occurring during fiscal year 1973-74. My delay in responding was
necessitated by the fact that this information was not totally available in
present statistical reports.

Please be assured that we not only appreciate, but also share your
concerns over these deaths. Our office is now preparing a policy relative to
the reporting and follow-up procedures to be utilized for institutional deaths.
We are also requesting that an epidemiological study be completed to identify
the cause and prevention for each occurrence. In these ways, we feel we can
significantly impact on the increasing numbers.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to inform
me. I look forward to your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Stanley Meyers
Deputy Secretary for
Mental Retardation

Officers
Residential Serv. Comm.
Bazelon
Hornblower
Thornburgh
Archer
Mulgrave
Polloni

CAUSES OF DEATH AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE SCHOOLS
TIME PERIOD: July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

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PATIENTS ON BOOKS (INCLUDES LOA)
TREATMENT OF RESIDENTS FOLLOWING DEATH
AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE SCHOOLS
TIME PERIOD: 7/1/73 - 6/30/74

Died in Institution: 164
Died on Leave: 34
Deaths During Year: 198

<u>TREATMENT</u>	<u>CRESSON</u>	<u>EBENSBURG</u>	<u>HAMBURG</u>	<u>LAURELTON</u>	<u>PENNHURST</u>	<u>POLK</u>	<u>SELINGSGROVE</u>	<u>WESTERN</u>	<u>WHITE HAVEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Taken by Family	14	10	11	2	18	55	39	8	10	167
Buried by State	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	8
Donated for Medical use	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	5
OTHER:	1	0	2	0	11	2	2	0	0	18
TOTAL	16	10	14	4	31	59	41	8	15	198

TREATMENT OF RESIDENTS FOLLOWING DEATH
AT PENNSYLVANIA STATE SCHOOLS
TIME PERIOD: 7/7/73 - 6/30/74

<u>TREATMENT</u>	<u>CRESSON</u>	<u>EBENSBURG</u>	<u>HAMBURG</u>	<u>LAURELTON</u>	<u>PENNHURST</u>	<u>POLK</u>	<u>SELINGSGROVE</u>	<u>WESTERN</u>	<u>WHITE HAVEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Taken by Family	12	7	11	2	18	48	37	6	10	151
Buried by State	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
Donated for Medical use	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
OTHER:	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	1	1	7
TOTAL	12	7	13	3	23	51	39	6	10	164



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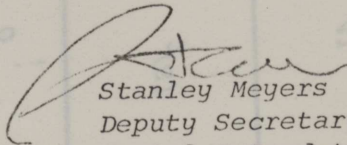
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Dear Steu:

In my letter to you of January 13, 1975, I forwarded information to you representing a breakout of deaths occurring in various institutions during Fiscal Year 1973-74. Since that time, we have secured additional information to further explain the "Other" category shown on Page 3, (Patients on Books, Includes LOA). Attached is Page 3, with information as stated above, to be attached to the previous breakout submitted to you.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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- A. Cresson No one claimed body. Cresson assumed responsibility and buried patient in Cresson's Cemetery.
- B. Hamburg One was buried by Schuylkill County Institutional District. One was buried by Luzerne County Institutional District.
- C. Pennhurst Five buried with "Personal Needs Money". One taken care of by Catholic Church
Five Unknown:
1. Three died at South Mountain
2. One died on "Family Care" leave
3. One died at a Group Home.
- D. Polk One buried at Polk Cemetery using his own funds. One was buried at Polk with Social Security Funds.
- E. Selinsgrove Two buried at Shriners Cemetery, One by Dauphin County. One by Cambria County.