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Madam -

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You chose to listen to the cry of others, disregarded the welfare of many retardates to get at the practice of restraining a few aggressive, self destructive retardates at Polk State School & Hospital. What are you to gain? - a name for yourself, political favor and yet at the same time malign, slander, and vilify a fine dedicated man, Dr. James Mc Clelland.

Yet you and other certain segments of P.A.R.C. either I do not know, have known what Polk is, the care given there and its excellent reputation in the field of care for the retarded. You knew these types of restraints were used - you have been there. Before Helene Wobegemuth, so why suddenly arise up, make these charges.

Can you not understand why some aggressive, self destructive retardates must be contained in some manner to prevent





them from hurting themselves or others?  
What alternative do you now, does  
your so handy replacement for Dr. Mc  
Clendon now? What do you offer -  
yes let me guess - drugs. Would it  
not be kinder more humane to restrain  
these few so they can have some degree  
of mobility than be like "zombies" like  
drugged ones? Would you call that  
humane - humph!!

I know what Polk is, what care  
is given there, the dedication of Dr. Mc  
Clendon and all the staff from personal  
experiences my son was there 10 years  
prior to his death - incidentally their  
medical hospital care is far superior  
to any received for some type child in a  
general home town hospital.

I protest your charges and actions,  
also only one who helped you. I hope we  
and all the Dr. Mc Clendon supporters  
can see him re-installed Polk by  
going right over your heads.

A Mc Clendon friend  
Mayone A Felder