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Dear Sir's:

This is my personal message of commendation and tribute to the honorable Secretary of Welfare for her actions on the release of Dr. James M^E Collard from Folk State School and Hospital.

On or about the first few days of March in the year nineteen seventy two I received a depressing and heartbreaking letter (to me) from Dr. M^E Collard and this letter began: "I regret to inform you" and you can understand the rest of the dispatch.

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Now Dr. McColland now's how other employees who have received a letter from him with those hateful words at the beginning.

Now you can count me of the minority that has felt the pinch of the following two people:

Number ones: Robert Boal of Polk
number twos: Dr. McColland of Polk
I inform the honorable Secretary that I was an employee on the Northside cottages of Polk State School. Now after appealing their actions and losing my working career is ruined and the shades of despair have moved in.

I would say that others also have been literally cut down by these two professional scoundrels and have been left for dead while Boal and McColland have sat in their offices and laughed up their sleeves.

I will promise to use no profane language in this but my boldness and unrestrained feelings will go forward.

Part of the circumstances is I worked at Polk State School and then something terrible happened to me I had a nervous breakdown after one month of work at the school. And then I returned to work after six weeks in the Butler Hospital

In the Civil Service Commissions report of which I appeared before on May 4 of nineteen seventy two they said they had sympathy and concern for me because of my mental illness. Well my concern at that time was the job at Polk State School and my doctor said I was fit and well to work once again and I did just that.

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The commission did not receive my sympathy for their false attempt at showing false real interest in me because I have grown stronger both physically and mentally since May 4 of nineteen seventy two and my personal Doctor of medicine would testify to that fact.

I also tell with quickness that I even had a personal signed letter from Dr. John Shadle of Butler, Pennsylvania himself and he stated that "It was important that I have a job and responsibilities thereof" and he should know because he was and is a qualified physician.

Even this letter was bypassed from the Doctor to the death ears of the commission and I believe I was condemned before I began my testimony.

Now enter the people that "cleaned up" what Dr. McCollum and Robert Boal started that would be the Civil Service Commission.

When Boal was going to the hearing of which I attended he knew he had it "in the bag" as his unfair buddies would definitely rule in his "favor".

This is my time to let know to a high public official how the taxpayer and little guy just can't pull enough strings to win.

I report to the Honorable Secretary that action taken by these two people and the commission has not impaired or inflicted injury to me what-soever and I am alive and doing real well as I live in these climatic days of the age of the church.

I am well pleased
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to hear of the changes that will take place at Rock State School and hospital. The natural one concern is the patients themselves as they are some of the most delightful people that I have been associated with and the Lord of Heaven will protect these patients as He has protected me over the past one-and-one half years.

This is the area where since I do have a vision I can go full steam ahead because my God cares about these patients and myself also. Like the Lord would do. I will pray for justice and equality and the right people to work with the patients at Rock State school and the best care given to them as they live their day to day lives.

I will close by saying that I will not receive

action on my case and I will remain
a lowly non-worker of this state and
I can say that I fought the good fight
in a losing cause.

Thank you for reading my letter
and also the time that may have
been wasted. The time nowadays is
precious to everyone.

Signed,
Mr. Robert McGill