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Mr. Robert Nelkin
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Dear Bob:

Here are the questions growing out of the visit to Cedar I, II and IV. Edit them, or add to them as you wish; and, since I didn't visit either Cedar III or Pine II, you may have ones you want to add.

Sincerely,

Joe
Joseph H. Rodgers

JOINT VISITATION TEAM

WESTERN STATE SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL

Tuesday, July 2, 1974 - 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

TEAM MEMBERS:

Mrs. Virginia Thornburg, ACC-PARC, Robert Nelkin, ACC-PARC, Eugene Leonard, WSSH Parents' Group, Mrs. Pat McLain, WSSH Parents' Group, Joseph H. Rodgers, WSSH Board of Trustees.

PURPOSE:

To visit Cedar Lodge and Pine II.

QUESTIONS (The ones arising from Cedar I, II and IV are prepared by J.H. Rodgers. The others by Robert Nelkin)

1. TV was operating in all units with only 1 or 2 residents in each unit paying any attention to it. Could TV be reserved for special and selected use and a wider use made of recordings for such things as story-telling, dancing, recognition of musical themes, etc?
2. In spite of air-conditioning in Spruce, there were an over-average number of flies. What can be done to control or exterminate the flies?
3. Two residents in Cedar I were being fed by a resident feeder. They responded well to an offer to shake hands. Could they be taught to feed themselves?
4. Throughout the Lodge there were minor maintenance needs: chair joints loosened, rough edges on wheel-chair trays, bed anchor-rods loose, chalkboard trough in Cedar IV broken, exposing a dangerous edge, frayed electrical connection on the food-warmer in Cedar II, etc. Could a detailed maintenance inspection, with corrections, be made?
5. There are numerous beds with wooden crib tops securely fastened to them. Are these necessary?
6. Could devices be procured to elevate the heads of residents, especially in Cedar II, who continue to be fed in a horizontal position?
7. Seventeen residents on Cedar II had wet diapers. Can this be remedied, as needed?
8. Cedar IV, housing girls of a higher functioning level, had very few toys or activity objects available. Can these be provided in order to minimize the time used in "sitting around?"