

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: Doctor John Rollins
Medical Director
Alaska Psychiatric Institute

DATE: June 2, 1967

FROM: Mrs. Clara Salisbury
Psychiatric Social Worker
Morningside Hospital

SUBJECT: Transportation plans

We have had to put Ivor Johnson in Roy Nay's place on schedule VI because Roy is in Providence Hospital. The Doctor thinks he may be able to travel June 13.

It seems too bad to separate Evelyn Jensen (the deaf girl) from her friends and send her with the old men. (Schedule VII. What would you think of our substituting Paul Achayak for her on the June 13 list?

If the remaining thirty patients go in a body to Valdez, Evelyn can stay there until such time as you have her transferred to Alaska Psychiatric Institute for re-evaluation.

We are eager to know the transportation plan for the last 30 patients. (I've told you, haven't I, that we transferred Sergy Melovidov from Baby Louise Haven to Morningside because we regard him as having sufficient capacity for community living, and feel this can better be worked out for him in Alaska. This was done when we sent the six most retarded children from Morningside to Baby Louise Haven; Joe and Norman Tenorio, Jean Southard, Mary Sue Wood, Howie Linsacum, and Kathy Lucason.)

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Mae, Mr. Rollins has asked that Schedule VII be delayed to June 20. He approved the suggestion re: Evelyn J.



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TO: Karl M. Bowman, M.D.
Superintendent
Alaska Psychiatric Hospital

DATE : March 9, 1967

FROM: C. M. McLean
Acting Director
Division of Mental Health

SUBJECT: Morningside Transfers

I have briefly reviewed the listing of Morningside Hospital patients and their destination of transfer which I presume is the result of Dr. Rollins' visit there last week. I would like to comment on three of them that have come to my attention.

MORNINGSIDE HOSPITAL PATIENTS TRANSFER TO STATE OF RESIDENCE

Maribeth Stambaugh - This has been in negotiation with the State of Oregon for well over a year and they have patently agreed to accept the girl but I don't know wherein the delay now lies. It is possible that they are awaiting a notification that we intend to move the girl to Alaska, at which time they might accept her. The last thing we have in file on Maribeth is a letter from Mrs. Salisbury to the Oregon State Hospital enclosing medical summaries so that they could determine where she might be placed. We have no information as to any follow up on this from either direction.

Larry Davis - I have discussed this case with Robert P. Manley, Transfer Officer for the State of Washington. He is on the waiting list for admission to one of their mentally retarded facilities but with the backlog, it will be about four years before they can admit him into their normal routine. They will take him almost immediately if we are willing to accept from the State of Washington a comparable patient whose parents may have changed residency to Alaska. Otherwise, the only alternative is to transfer Larry up here and hope eventually to work out an exchange with Washington on a person by person basis. With the phasing out of Morningside Hospital, such a transfer between Morningside and Rainier State School might be a little difficult to engineer.

MORNINGSIDE HOSPITAL PATIENTS TRANSFER TO MAXIMUM SECURITY

Lester Mangle - Having reviewed the information we have in file on Lester Mangle, the fact that this man has been in Morningside Hospital since May of 1960 has been a no-care problem, has had the freedom of the community, I feel that this disposition is not appropriate despite his prior crime on which he was declared innocent because of insanity to commit him to a maximum security facility. I have discussed this with Mr. Lauber, Director of YAA, and he has reviewed the file and doesn't feel that Indiana would even consider him as a maximum security placement. Morningside, on two occasions, requested his release and return to Juneau and if the community were larger I am sure this would have been accomplished. Mr. Mangle has been an easy management problem throughout his hospitalization. His delusional system has not apparently included

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Hospital staff. He has been allowed to consult with people extending legal aid to indigent persons. He is on no ataractic medication and is only digitalized for heart condition. Their impression is that this patient's single act of violence seems to have greatly reduced his feelings of being persecuted. If his dependency needs are adequately met, he could in all probability get along in a much less structured and supportive setting than in a mental hospital. It is further their impression that it was actually society's failure to meet his dependency needs that pressured him into the act of violence in the first place.

I know of no maximum security facility available in which we could place him and further if so placed it might make him definitely a psychiatric problem.

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cc: Mrs. Salisbury

P.S. We have this date received authorization from the State of Oregon to transfer Maribeth Stambaugh; however, there is a question as to commitment involved that we will try to straighten out.