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Department of Justice,
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Ch. Clerk.

September 21, 1911.

*9-1-10
Care of Bureau*



The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a letter of August 21, 1911, from the United States Marshal at Fairbanks, Alaska, also a copy of the inclosure referred to by the marshal namely, a letter dated August 4, 1911, from Joseph Von Kowski to Mrs. M. Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska. It appears from the marshal's letter that Von Kowski who was committed to the insane asylum at Mount Tabor, Oregon, on April 15, 1911, escaped from that institution July 15, 1911. In his letter to Mrs. Bishop, Von Kowski makes certain statements as to his treatment in the institution at Mount Tabor.

This matter is referred to you for such action as you may wish to take with regard to the apprehension of Von Kowski and his return to the insane asylum and also for such investigation, if any, of Von Kowski's statements of the treatment accorded him as you may deem proper.

Respectfully,

W. R. Hays
Acting Attorney General.

*Sept. 26/11 Letter Atty Genl
" " " Inspector Dixon
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Inclosure 452.

Department of Justice.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE,

FOURTH DIVISION, DISTRICT OF ALASKA,

Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 21, 1911.

The Honorable,

The Attorney General,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to inclose a letter written by one Joseph VonKowski from Seattle, dated on Aug. 4, 1911, addressed to Mrs. K. Bishop, who is cook-matron at the Fairbanks Federal Jail.

Joseph Von Kowski was adjudged insane at Tanana in this Division March 13, 1911, and was duly committed to the proper authorities at Mt. Tabor, Oregon, on April 15, 1911. It seems he escaped from the institution July 15, last.

Von Kowski makes serious charges of ill treatment. Considering that such are made by a person supposed to be insane, they may not have any foundation in truth, but I have thought it proper to submit the matter to you; as the acts charged may be unnecessary and may characterize methods not to be desired.

Ordinarily, the proper authorities at Seattle would be advised of the presence of such a person, but under the circumstances, it is believed better to leave all action with The Department.

✓ Very respectfully,

A. H. Love

United States Marshal.

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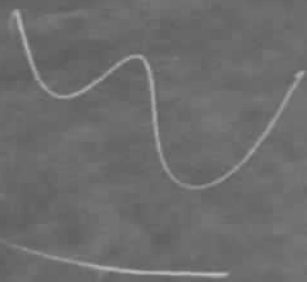
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Seattle August 4th 1911

Mrs. M. Bishop Fairbanks Alaska

Dear Lady I will write a few lines and explain
some of my experiony that I have had since I left
Fairbanks Jail it is marvelous from you
American people to send a Women or man
in to such coraptable place as Mount
Labor is they calling it morning sid Hospital
it is worst than any slaughter house has
ever been from the begering of the World
a torturer House of the worst kind
I bin in it from the 14th of April 1911 until
15th July 1911, July 15. 2 Pm I did run away
and to day I am in seattle they abuse
them prisoners there I can not express it to you
but you can think if a man would try
you up so you would be helpless and
then taking you in your stomach
so that blood and your food would stream
out at your mouth I gess it would not
be plesend to you worst then that
is going on there exques me for expressing
such works to you but it is Gods
truth they keep them there as a slaves

I may get chance to write again to you
as soon as I'll get some work so I can
tell you my adress I am in bed for
no clothing and no money and the
same a a rabbit that is in the center
of many Lions well good by hopping
to see you some times
yours Resp. Joseph Von Kowski



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1911.

ADDRESS ONLY
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

The Sanitarium Company,
602 Marquam Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

In your report of July 16, 1911 as to the patients received in the institution you report, among others, as follows, to wit:-

#132 J. Van Kowski - admitted Apr. 14, 1911. Paranoia. Delusions of wealth and grandeur, hallucinations of sight and hearing. Persecutory delusions. Quiet. Tidy and industrious. Physical condition good.

As to this patient, the Department has recently received advice, through the Attorney General, from the U. S. Marshal at Fairbanks, Alaska, that he escaped from the institution on or about July 15, 1911, and on August 4, 1911 was in Seattle, Washington, without money and looking for work. This information is brought to your attention that, if you regard Van Kowski as a proper subject for medical supervision, you may at once take such steps as may be necessary to secure his return to the institution.

Very respectfully,

Wm. A. ...
Assistant Secretary.

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Care of Sanitarium*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS ONLY
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

September 25, 1911.

9-1-19
Case of Kowski

The Attorney General.

Sir:

Your letter of September 21, 1911 and accompanying inclosures, have been received, calling attention to the case of one Joseph Von Kowski, a legally adjudged insane person from the District of Alaska, committed to the Mount Tabor asylum at Portland, Oregon, April 15, 1911, who escaped from that institution on or about July 15, 1911 and who has written a letter to one Mrs. M. Bishop, complaining of ill treatment received in the institution.

In response thereto, I have to state that all the papers in the case have been forwarded to Edward W. Dixon, Special Inspector of this Department, who, as soon as he has completed the work on which he is now engaged at Great Falls, Montana, will proceed to Portland, Oregon, and investigate this and other charges of ill treatment of patients at the institution in question.

Very respectfully,

Samuel R. Bacon
Acting Secretary

MORNINGSIDE HOSPITAL

MONTAVILLA

Address all communications to the down town office
606 THE MARQUAM BUILDING

9-1-10
Care of Insane

Portland, Oregon,

October 1, 1911.

CHIEF OF POLICE
OCT 7 - 1911
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Hon. Secretary of the Interior,
Washington,
D.C.

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
RECEIVED
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TO CHIEF CLERK
SECY'S OFF-MAIL ROOM

Dear Sir:

We have yours of Sept. 26th in regard to one J. Van Kowski, a former patient of ours, and will say that this patient eloped from the institution July 16, 1911, as was so stated to you in our report of August 16, 1911. We took special pains to find the man but could not do so. A little later we had word that he was in Seattle, and at once communicated with the Chief of Police there and an attorney, but he seems to have disappeared again, as they were not able to get him. Although when he eloped, his condition was a little better than when he entered the institution, we consider him a fit subject for medical care, and are still keeping up search for him.

Very truly yours,

V. M. Coe

Medical Director.

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