

2705 S. W. English Court,
Portland 1, Oregon,
July 10, 1955.

Honorable Anthony T. Lausi, Director,
Office of Territories,
U. S. Interior Department,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lausi:

This will reply to your letters of June 15th and 29th, 1955. I am very sorry to note that you were not completely satisfied with my performance. Let me assure you that I tried to do the best that I could under the circumstances without arousing too much open hostility. As I have told you before, I have to live here and it some times becomes quite uncomfortable. Here is the picture even so. When the girl who was sent in to do the job for me (Mrs. Blake) became aware of the subject matter she became so tense and jittery that she was hardly able to function. After she had copied the telegram and written my letter she took them in to the Coes and Mrs. Mickelson before bringing the letter to me for signature. Immediately, Wayne Coe came to me and asked me to rewrite the letter and state that even though it rained, it was not cold. I very politely told him that I would prefer to leave it as it was and did so. He, of course, was not happy about or satisfied with that. In the confusion and excitement that followed, the letter was even mailed without a stamp on it and was returned the next day for postage.

With reference to Henry Coe's letter of June 17, 1955, I might state that it would be quite difficult to decide what would constitute appropriate clothing to meet any and all eventualities of changing weather conditions in this climate at all times. I believe that some of the patients were equipped with rain hats and coats and rubber boots at least part of the time. I might also state that I was not consulted except in retrospect and then only according to the statement in his letter. I am enclosing a letter to me from the Weather Bureau. The dates as stated in that letter were the correct and exact days when the rhubarb was recently harvested. I presume that T stands for total precipitation. You may make your comparison and draw your own conclusion. I do not believe that I saw a copy of the April 9th letter and memorandum he refers to. I also cannot answer the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of his letter except as it would involve my own thinking and feeling. I also would prefer not to be asked to pass judgement on the last paragraph of his letter at this time since I have gone on record in a general way previously and feel that there is not much that I can personally do about it.

The subject matter of the memorandum attached to his letter is very interesting and the true situation is well known to many people. It is open to a wide variety of difference of opinion. Mine has previously been rendered in some respects and should be well known. I think that much of it is open to question. Referring to paragraph #12 on page #2 I would certainly question the first figure and also the ones that follow, but as you well know I would not have nor would I be able to get any proof. These are closely guarded secrets as you well know.

I am also enclosing copies of two other letters which I managed to see and get copies made of. I thought they might interest you. Of course, it is only now and then that I am able to get ahold of something like that.

I hope that you will not rebuke me for writing to you in this manner, but that

is about the only way in which it can be faced with any degree of comfort. I am not altogether unhappy, but the need for my family to live and the best sense of humor that I can continue to muster keeps me going. I hope that as far as I am concerned this matter may be closed.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. F. Keller
George F. Keller, M. D.

Dr. George F. Keller
1705 14th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Keller:

Enclosed and attached herewith are daily mailings for each of the days specified in your referenced letter and shown on the table below. It is not possible to give better quality than regular information in this type of material, however, if you should be asked that is given, and you should be able to make the most of such arrangements for obtaining it.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. ...
Robert A. ...
Director

UN STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
WEATHER BUREAU

Weather Bureau Climatological Unit
321 Custom House
Portland 9, Oregon
July 5, 1955

Mr. Michael E. Gussak
2506 Ferguson Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gussak:

This is in reply to your letter of June 24, concerning the weather station which is operated at the site of your plant.

Mr. George F. Keller
2705 S. W. English Court
Portland 1, Oregon

Subject: Portland Weather Data

Reference: Your Letter of July 1, 1955

Dear Mr. Keller:

Maximum and minimum temperatures and daily rainfall for each of the days specified in your referenced letter are shown in the table below. It is not specified in that letter exactly what weather information is desired. We suggest, therefore, if more detail is needed than is given, that you telephone or visit the office to make arrangements for obtaining it.

DATE	TEMPERATURE		DAILY RAINFALL
	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	
5/31/55	59	45	T
6/2/55	62	50	.12
6/3/55	62	52	.14
6/4/55	72	53	.04
6/6/55	79	54	0
6/7/55	86	56	0
6/8/55	96	60	0

Very truly yours,

Gilbert L. Sternes
Gilbert L. Sternes
Climatologist

Actually, because we feel that the way to deal with your illness is a combination of diet and of the life and treatment program here, we have given an allowance from the hospital. Just as you and I in our own groups are in need of a limited amount, Marie has been a patient. You can see that no amount of money is really needed for the treatment account. The letter which you received was one of several written to the interested relatives of patients whose written account shows a balance. This is done as a matter of routine and information for those who have shown an interest. We would do the same thing if a patient had been receiving money regularly from one of their family, and a balance was building up faster than the patient chose to spend.

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Mr. Michael E. Cusack
2506 Tongass Avenue
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Mr. Cusack:

This is in reply to your letter of June 14, concerning the trustee account which is maintained at Morningside for each patient.

Before explaining the trustee account, there is one thing which perhaps should be clarified. The One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) a month which you are sending for your wife's care is not received at this hospital. The cost of the care of Alaska patients is paid by the United States Department of the Interior. At the present time the Territory of Alaska contributes nothing toward this expense. A federal law requires that the Department of the Interior be reimbursed for the cost of care insofar as the patients' families can afford to do so. Consequently, the money which you send goes directly to the federal government, and is not available either to the hospital or to the patient. Actually, we were not aware that you were contributing One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) toward the cost of the care for Marie.

The trustee accounts are maintained by the hospital to care for any funds which a patient may have when arriving here, and also any funds which may be sent to the patient after his arrival. This money is then available for the patient's use as his clinical condition and wishes indicate. The hospital acts very much as a bank as far as these funds are concerned.

The hospital provides Marie with all the things which she needs, including clothing and even cigarettes. However, as you know, Morningside Hospital is perhaps unique in the normal and homelike atmosphere in which the patients live. Among the things freely available to Marie is the hospital canteen where she may purchase those things which are matters of choice rather than necessity, such as ice cream and candy, of which all of us enjoy selecting and purchasing. Special items of clothing or cosmetics, which are particularly pleasing to women, are available to them in the stores of Portland. It is in this way that our patients use the funds which are kept for them in their trustee accounts.

Actually, because we feel that the activity of choosing and purchasing and enjoying with your friends an occasional dish of ice cream or Coca-Cola is an important part of the life and treatment program here, the patients without funds are frequently given an allowance from the hospital's own money so that they can enjoy this activity just as you and I in our own groups of friends. Although the allowance is necessarily of a limited amount, Marie has been a regular recipient.

You can then see that no amount of money is really needed for the trustee account. The letter which you received was one of several written to the interested relatives of patients whose trustee account shows no balance. This is done as a matter of routine and information for those who have shown an interest. We would do the same thing if a patient had been receiving money regularly from one of their family, and a balance was building up faster than the patient chose to spend.

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Mr. Cusack

I certainly understand how an expense of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) a month is a drain on you, and hope that this letter answers your questions.

Sincerely,

MORNINGSIDE HOSPITAL

(Mrs.) Dorothy K. Mickelson
Registrar

DKM/HWC/bb
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Dorothy K. Mickelson
Montavilla Station
Morningside Hospital
Portland 16, Oregon

Dear Miss Mickelson:

I received your letter of June 2, in which you stated that my wife Marie, no longer has any funds in her trustee account by which she could purchase certain luxury items.

I didn't know there was a "trustee account" would you please let me know just what it is, how much is needed for it and how it operates?

I am, at the present, sending you \$100.00 a month for my wife's care which is quite a drain on me as you can understand. However, I do want my wife to have as many little comforts as I can afford. I was under the impression that the \$100.00 I was sending would cover this, as I know of many people who contribute nothing to the care of their ill, this being taken care of by the territory.

Any information you can give me on this subject will be most appreciated. Thanking you, I am.

Very truly yours,

Michael E. Cusack
2506 Tongass Ave.
Ketchikan, Alaska