

2705 S. W. English Court,
Portland 1, Oregon,
April 16, 1955.

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

Dear Mr. Lausi:

I was given a copy of Wayne Coe's letter of April 13, 1955 to you. However, as usual my copy was held up until the letter had time to be delivered to you by air mail. That letter sounds as though they are presuming to supervise us or at least me. In fact, that has always been tried on me and has made things most difficult for me. They have always tried to make a prisoner out of me and are trying harder now than ever before. (The reason I got careless about writing discharge orders was because that was the course of least resistance. There was a time when they tried to stall arranging for transportation for a patient's return for several weeks after I had written the order. That was mainly back in the Miss Hagna days. I had to check, remind them, and finally get angry before any action was taken. After enough of the latter through the years I finally got better action on verbal and/or written orders and things went more smoothly. I finally got them convinced that I meant business and got better results.) Their girls were reluctant about taking such notes, could or did not see any need for them, and some times neglected to type them after I had dictated them. I then was placed in a position of being a nasty man if I imposed on them to do things for me and do them right. That also went for many other things and more than likely they were put up to it. Instead of my things coming first I was always expected to wait and come last. I and my work were and are just stepchildren. I still want to know if we or I are or are supposed to be taking orders from them. They were and are too anxious to buy a filing cabinet for me. That would be a very easy little matter for them to comply with. The reason why they are so anxious to buy it is so that they would have a duplicate key or know the combination and that I would not want. Furthermore, a filing cabinet will or would do me no good unless and until I have someone to take care of it for me. Even then I would not want them to be able to get into it and that could not be prevented if they bought it. That is why I would rather have or get a filing cabinet from some other source and even then I doubt if they could be kept out of it. At least, I would not put anything in it even then that I would not want to risk being seen by them. Mr. Goodrick suggested that it probably could be arranged for me to get a filing cabinet from the Bonneville Power Administration when I was ready for it. They are really trying to beat me down and have you give me orders for them. So much for the filing cabinet. As you well know, they have always made things most difficult for me to do my work and job. They have always tried to sabotage my efforts. They would like to make things so difficult for me that I would be unable to move, that I would be completely paralyzed, ineffective and useless. They are trying and working hard toward that end. To keep me in a room with a rented dictaphone would do just that and that is just exactly what they want. Most of my work would and does not lend itself to the use of a dictaphone at all. My work requires the services of a secretary or stenographer at all times. Even if I did or could put something on a dictaphone, they would transcribe it when they got good and ready and it would probably be a mess or most certainly would be. Besides that, they would have a record of everything and nothing could escape them. For that matter, nothing escapes them now. The reason why

they do not want me to have a stenographer of my own is because then they could not interfere with my work, I would be able to do a better job, I would not be dependent on them and at their mercy, I might be able to keep something from them, and for various other reasons best known to them and anyone knows what some of those other reasons might be. They also do not want to pay a stenographer's salary for my use. They have themselves surrounded with stenographers and female help to wait on them, but that would be too good for me from where they are looking. I must have a stenographer or I will not be able to function. Coe should not be permitted to decide or to dictate how I should do my work or what help I will need to do it. I should decide how I want to do it and be the judge as to what I want and need to do it with. I trust that you will support me in this. The only answer is a secretary or stenographer not on Coe's payroll or in any way responsible to Coe. Again Coe is trying to order me through you to try to struggle with my work and job with a rented dictaphone provided by him so that I will not be able to do my job and that is what they want. It will be too bad when I or we will have to take orders from them. I would find it absolutely impossible to carry out the instructions in Mr. Strand's letter of April 1, 1955 without the use of a stenographer. A dictaphone or even help borrowed from Coe would not come anywhere near filling the bill. The very thought of anything else is so frustrating or would be that I would not know where to begin or which way to turn. You can mark my word that they very definitely do not want me to be able to perform very satisfactorily in accordance with those instructions. It would definitely be to their disadvantage to have me do so. They are not fooling me for one minute and I hope that they do not fool anyone else. Incidentally, I have been so busy that I have hardly had time to read that letter through thoroughly and much less digest it. There have been so many things going on ^{and happening} here ^{and} things have been so mixed up and confused lately and I have not had sufficient help that I have not been able to do much about it yet. I hope that getting my own stenographer will alleviate or relieve all this. Then I will be able to go. A stenographer would also need a typewriter, desk and chair, etc. These could also probably be obtained from the Bonneville Power Administration, unless Coe would have to buy them. I would like to be able to do a better job there, but I will need some help and other conveniences to do it with. Then I will try to carry out those instructions as nearly and well as my time and strength will permit. At best, it is not an easy assignment along with with all my other work and things that I have to do, but I am willing to try my best to accomplish what is expected. Anything that anyone else might try to tell you would only be some more of the same stuff. I also know where it would come from and the source would be no good. I hope that you will be able to make arrangements soon to provide me with that stenographer (secretary).

Thanking you for past favors and courtesies, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. F. Keller
George F. Keller, M. D.

April 13, 1955

TO: Dr. George F. Keller
FROM: Henry W. Coe
SUBJECT: Clothing for discharged patients

I would like to confirm the procedure which will be followed in respect for clothing that patients leaving the hospital. According to the terms of our contract, this clothing may be supplied by the Secretary of the Interior, with the Medical Officer acting in his behalf. As the company has been criticized for the way in which patients are clothed on leaving the hospital, we felt it essential that an understanding should be reached as to how this responsibility of the Secretary can be carried out.

You know that the company will be glad to be of whatever assistance to you in this matter, as you may feel will be helpful.

When a patient is to be discharged, the Assistant Matron who is responsible for the care of patients' clothing not used while they are here, will bring, for your inspection, the clothing which the patient arrived with or which came subsequently. On the basis of your judgement as to what is suitable clothing for a returning patient, you will either approve use of the clothing which belongs to the patient or will request replacement, in detail, of whatever specific items are not satisfactory. Where suitable replacements can be found from the supply of unclaimed clothing, which the hospital has, this will be done. Otherwise, new clothing will be purchased or obtained from hospital supply. Any specifications or limitations on expense for replacement should be clearly outlined at that time.

This procedure has been followed in the last few patients which have left the hospital, and has apparently been quite satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Henry W. Coe

HWC/bb