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Honorable John E. Fogarty
House Office Building
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Dear John:

One of the other hats I wear occasionally is that of chairman of the finance committee of the Woonsocket Public Health Nursing Association. As you probably know, this is a visiting nurse group for the Woonsocket area. The organization is a member of United Fund.

While it was founded nearly fifty years ago as an anti-tuberculosis society, it now performs on the functions of VNA and is increasingly emphasizing "the total needs of the 'whole' individual". In this connection, our executive director, Mrs. Marie L. Chartier, has been interested in possibly assisting in mental health research which may be undertaken by the new Butler Mental Health Center. What we may be able to do is of course subject to our having adequate staff, and nurses are hard to find these days.

We felt it wise to investigate various possibilities and it has been suggested that perhaps this is an area in which a grant from the National Institute of Health or the National Institute for Mental Health may be possible. I have studied the material sent out to prospective applicants for grants and it appears to me that anything we might request would have to be a joint request with Butler's.

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Knowing of your special interest in, and wide knowledge of, these questions of mental health and research therein, I thought that you might have some background information concerning proposed research along these lines that might be helpful. I feel rather strongly that no grants should be applied for just because they might be received, and I believe that the acceptance of any such grant carries with it the very real responsibility of doing the assigned job well.

If you can send along any material or information that you feel will be helpful, I'd much appreciate it.

That was a good picture of the Moran dinner--yourself included, in last night's Call.

With all good wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Buell W. Hudson
Editor & Publisher

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