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PERSONAL

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Dear Dr. Ossenfort:

I have your two letters and note with interest and satisfaction that you are anxious to do something extra for your country and are looking forward to the possible new type of patients at Fort Worth. It is well to plan for this new development, even though it is not yet absolutely certain that it will come about. It is not a bad idea for you to think forward to spending a short while at Saint Elizabeths, as suggested, but we can wait for this. You might also make a sort of a survey of guard attendants there and see how many of them have had actual nursing experience with mental patients, or other patients. If we take psychotic patients many of our guard attendants and attendants will have to have a course. Perhaps you can arrange to give it right there, after first orienting yourself as to certain things.

As to the prison camp, I don't think we need to think about that. If we keep a certain number of addicts at the station we will aim to keep the kind who can be trusted and who will live to themselves and do a certain amount of work in connection with the farm and other activities. I don't believe that Mr. Bennett will be willing to establish a camp there for other types of prisoners, and it would probably require other legislation to do so.

I am glad you also are thinking of improving the farm by a system of terracing, but, nevertheless, I do not see that there is much terracing to do down there, as the place is mostly flat, and also we have to think about the expenditure of money. The budget for next year was reduced from our estimates by over \$200,000.

I am sorry that Miss Palmer has had some special difficulty, and hope she is now well. Give her my regards.

My back is much better, but I still have some trouble. If it keeps up a little longer I will go over to Baltimore and let Skinner see what he can do about. I think a large part of the trouble

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is that I have not given it any rest, but I do have on a belt, which helps a great deal.

We all hope that Bill gets the musical experience and trip that you are so enthusiastic about.

Last night we had our first snow, but it is now gone.

Regards to all the family,

Sincerely,

(Sgd) Lawrence Kolb

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