

First U. S. Narcotic Farm,
Lexington, Kentucky.

September 19, 1935.

Dr. W. L. Treadway, Asst. Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Treadway:

Replying to your personal letter of September 16, 1935, you are advised that we could, if necessary, take 100 more cases from the U. S. Penitentiary Annex within the next month, but it probably will be better to send us not more than 75. Do not send any more than 20 colored patients because to send more would complicate matters as it would be necessary to devote a whole ward to only a few colored patients.

I am assuming that we will get patients from courts after October 1 and we should save room for these and voluntary patients rather than bring in too many from the Annex who have already been taken off the drug. It is, of course, desirable for us to continue our studies of withdrawal, etc., and the Annex patients do not lend themselves to this.

The original layout of the institution showed, as I recall, about 987 beds. One hundred twenty-six of these are in the Isolation Section and it seems doubtful whether we will ever be called upon to use all of these beds continuously. A certain separation is also necessary in the Hospital section and this will cut down the available beds. We have to have a tuberculous ward which reduces the capacity still more unless the ward happens to be filled, which is not the case at the present time. We do, however, have a possibility of expanding the number of beds by using some of the day rooms and this will be done when it becomes necessary.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Kolb,
Medical Director,
Medical Officer in Charge

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