

U. S. Narcotic Farm,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

January 9, 1936.

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

Dear Dr. Treadway:

Referring to your personal letter of January 3, 1936, calling attention to the desirability of providing for more prisoner inmates at the U. S. Narcotic Farm, you are advised that a survey of the possibilities has been made here and a plan has been worked out for housing whereby we will be able to take 100 additional prisoners within the next month.

It is our intention eventually to use nine of the dayrooms in the continuous treatment section for sleeping quarters and part of this space will be utilized to take care of the 100 additional prisoners.

As to tubercular patients, we are now taking care of 13 such patients in one of the Hospital wards. There are 14 more beds but it is considered desirable to hold in reserve about four beds to take care of a possible influx of a few patients from other sources or the lighting up of a latent case among the population already here. If it is the desire of the Bureau for us to take care of as many as 30 tubercular patients from the Annex, it is requested that the matter be first referred to this station so that we can work out the housing solution if possible without materially lessening the capacity of the Hospital for other types of patients.

It is requested that the sending of different groups of patients from the Annex be spaced about 10 days apart so as to give us time to work them up and adjust living quarters for one group before the next one arrives.

In connection with the sending of additional patients here, it is believed to be desirable for several reasons to have probationers rather than prisoners and it is hoped that the Bureau will approve of this and that the courts will cooperate so as to bring it about.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Kolb,  
Medical Director,  
Medical Officer in Charge.

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