

U. S. Narcotic Farm,
Lexington, Kentucky.

November 7, 1935.

The Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Division of Mental Hygiene.

Sir:

I received a letter some time ago from Lloyd H. Ziegler, M. D., Professor of Psychology at the Albany Hospital, Albany, New York, asking whether there was any limitation on the number of voluntary patients that are to be sent to this Hospital from Albany County and stating that he had been advised that Albany County had been allotted one patient. I replied to the effect that so far as I knew there had been no limitation on any county or section of the United States. He enclosed a letter from Mr. Leo M. Doody, Commissioner of Public Welfare from which the following is quoted.

"In an effort to correct my own apparent ignorance in the matter and to be possibly of some assistance to yourself, I today checked with the local U. S. Narcotic Agent, Mr. Kelly, and I learned from him that the district of which he is Agent comprises twenty-three counties and that he has received instructions from his superiors that the allotment from these twenty-three counties is eight patients. This, of course, is considerably less than one patient per county. I further learn that only the better type of patient will be considered for admission where it is presumed or believed that there is a reasonable chance for a cure."

It is believed that the information received by Mr. Doody from U. S. Narcotic Agent Kelly probably has reference to instructions or suggestions issued relative to probationer patients. It is requested that this office be advised in the matter so that we can give Dr. Ziegler definite information and also have this information on file for reference.

Respectfully,

Lawrence Kolb,
Medical Director,
Medical Officer in Charge.

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