

TREASURY

U. S. Narcotic Farm,
c/o Board of Commerce,
Lexington, Kentucky.

October 22, 1934.

Mr. J. V. Bennett, Assistant Director,
Bureau of Prisons,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I should have answered your letter of October 9 before this. In fact, I had intended to write both to you and Mr. Bates a letter of appreciation for the sympathy and help I had at Springfield, but a mass of work here and the lack of stenographic help prevented me from doing so until today.

From the time I entered the Bureau of Prisons in Washington until I left Springfield, my contact with the Bureau and other personnel was most pleasant, and I left the Bureau with a great deal of regret not only because of this pleasant association but because of my interest in the work at Springfield and my belief in the great future of the institution that you helped to establish there.

I think the Bureau of Prisons is fortunate to have at its head a man of Mr. Bates' calibre. It would probably be presumption on my part to say anything about his knowledge of prison matters, but I will say that his knowledge of human beings is extensive and it is largely because of these professional and personal qualities that I regret leaving his organization.

The work at Springfield was difficult but I enjoyed it. I doubtless made mistakes but they were forgiven and I hope corrected. The work here is also going to be difficult, especially until we get organized, but the experience I had in Springfield will stand me in good stead in this new field.

I shall probably call on you for advice from time to time, and I hope that you, as well as Mr. Bates, will make it a point to visit us. In fact, I wrote to Mr. Bates today inviting him to do so.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Lawrence Kolb,
Medical Officer in Charge.

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