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Bro. J. N. Byler, Director of Hospital Units Mennonite Central Committee Akron, Pennsylvania

Dear Bro. Byler:

I should like to call to your attention an incident which has developed over the weekend over the celebration of Halloween.

It seems that some overenthusiastic celebrators of this occasion decided to take vengeance on the C. O's. and proceeded to slash the tires on the autos of two of our men. On Lawrence Short's car three tires in excellent condition were slashed and punctured resulting in ruining two tires and seriously damaging another. On Leon Willoughby's car two tires were either slashed or punctured, one being flat and the other in bad condition. Clues are meager and the fellows are taking it in good spirit considering the seriousness of the situation for it is unlikely that they will be able to get new tires.

Dr. J. B. Gordon, Medical Director, has called in a detective on the case for he feels that the hospital cannot tolerate misdemennors of this nature on its grounds. The boys will not be called upon to press charges, but hospital authorities feel something should be done. We told them what we knew and left the matter entirely in their hands after explaining our position to them. Reaction among the other employees is seemingly with our fellows and they feel that the act was entirely uncalled for. We are trusting that everything can be worked out satisfactorily and will keep you informed but for the present you need not be troubled for no serious consequences except more walking on our part loom in the offing.

Sincerely yours

Loris A. Habegger

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