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Dear Erwin:

I received your card the other day and was glad to hear from you. I now know better what we can plan on for the future.

I am writing this letter with the expectation of receiving some advice from you, in regards to a letter which was received by one of ^{our} Unit members. Some time ago this particular member received a letter from the Civil Liberties Union asking for some suggestions for the betterment and improvement of Training Schools and asylums. Five of us contributed suggestions and they were sent in. John Tolstoy and I contributed a

number of suggestions in regards to the inmates menu and also to the inefficiency of the kitchen.

The other day this particular member of the Unit which sent in the suggestions to the Civil Liberties Union received a letter from The Mental Hygiene Program of Civilian Public Service with letterheads Leonard Edelstein, Program Coordinator Phil Steer, Editor of the Attendants Harold Barton, Education Chairman, Willard Hetzel, Legal Research Chairman, The letter was signed by Willard Hetzel. as we did not write to The Mental Hygiene Program, but to the Civil Liberties Union and the letter, I believe, was addressed

believe that Leonard Edelstein, Program coordinator of the Mental Hygiene Program and the Mr. Edelstein of Civil Liberties Union to whom our letter with suggestions was addressed is the same man and that is why we we received this letter from The Mental Hygiene Program. The information they want is something more specific in regards toward the menus. I will just quote a few sentences here that were (written) wrote to us.

(The matter you mention concerning inmates' diet is extremely important to us. Modern science indicates the extreme value of the right food. This involves cooking and storage and serving, as well as

(actual dietary planning and menu
Please send us whatever reports you
have compiled concerning the menus
that you mention. We will have
an expert look it over. We will
inform you confidentially as to our
findings. The former C.P.S. Unit at
Cleveland performed a very valuable
service relating to patients' food. A
^{record} was kept for many months. The value
of that record will not be exhausted
for several years. It is the sort of
record that does not officially
come out of the Dietary Depart-
ment. I hope that you will continue
to make as complete a record of all
menus served both with regard to
patients and attendants or Drs., if
that is available to you. Kindly
send us two copies of each record if
you can. We shall do our very best to
serve you adequately in this regard

{ and hope to be able to help you answer }
the questions that must be going
through your minds. This is the gist of the
letter. Now Erwin I would
like to know if it would be
advisable to send them the
information we have at hand
or not? and if not, why not?
Then I would like to know what
it would or could involve if
we send them the information.
I would not care to throw a
wrench in the C.P.S. Program
or cause a hardship for the
rest of the fellows up here. as
for myself I wouldn't feel so
(f) bad about it if they sent
me back to camp, because I
had made an attempt to improve

the inmates diet. I have made out the menus daily since you were here last time with the exception of a few days and the time I was home on furlough. We could send these menus to them (and also) or make copies of them, and send the copies, and also have some photostatic pictures taken of the menus which the head cook has and send them. You might remember you asked me to make out the menus and keep them for future reference or for some purpose. You might also know something in regard to what took place at the Cleveland Unit. Trusting that you will let me know what is the most appropriate thing to do.

Yours Sincerely
Pete.