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Mr. J.N. Byler  
Akron, Penna.

Dear Mr. Byler:

Perhaps you will be interested in the Unit's reaction since Nov. 15 when the shortened work week was to have become effective. All of us like our work and feel that the Hospital is well pleased with our services. We feel too that the MCC has done all that can be expected of it to make this Unit a success. Never-the-less all the promises of the Hospital Superintendent and work supervisor to the MCC and Selective Service appear to be of no avail. Promises do not shorten work hours and we do not care for any more of them. If we were convinced that the labor shortage here is desperate then we would be glad to work all the hours possible but when almost every new CPS man who arrives merely displaces another employee then we fail to see any obligation or necessity for staying here. Never has this Unit had the working conditions promised it, nor can we see any improvement for the future, nor do we intend to ask for better conditions here when we realize there are people just as needy at other hospitals where working conditions are satisfactory. Therefore we, the undersigned, request that we be transferred to another hospital unit or if that is not possible immediately we wish to transfer back to camp until reassignment is possible. We are speaking only for ourselves and not for anyone who wishes to remain here under these conditions. May we have a reply as soon as possible?

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This letter has been prepared by me, by request and I have campaigned for no signatures. Alfred G. Zook  
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