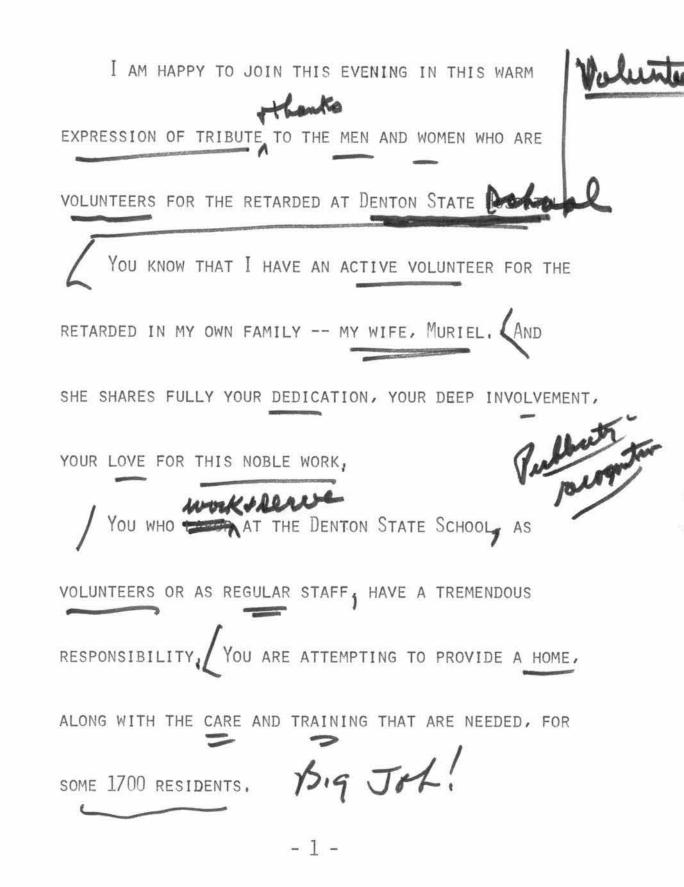
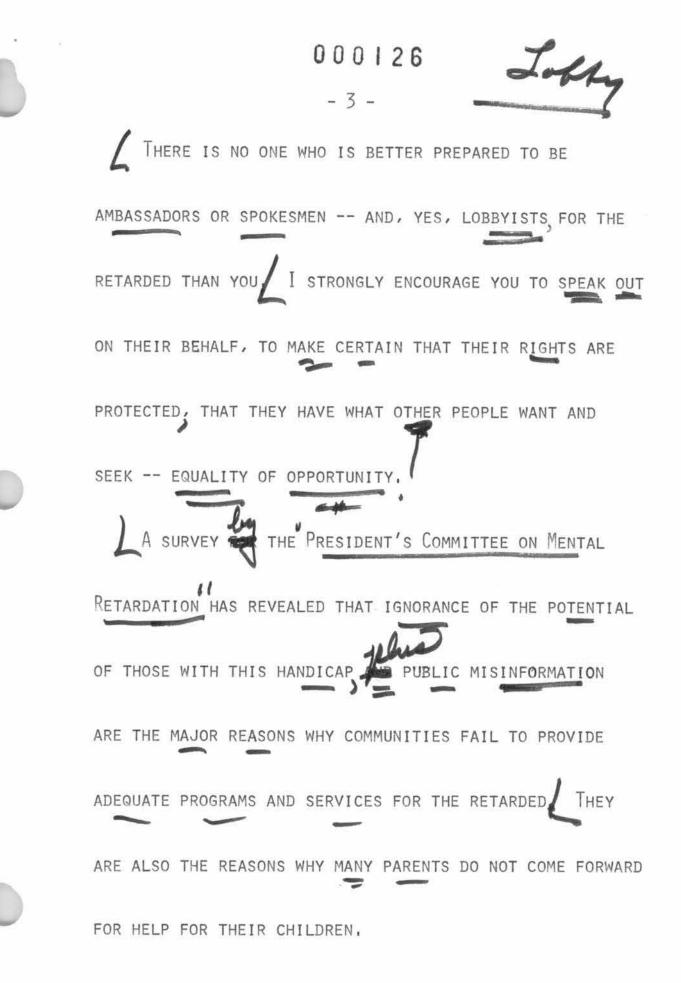
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- 2 -Some of these 1700 people may reside here many YEARS -- AND THEY MAY ONLY KNOW OR REMEMBER LIFE AS IT WAS EXPERIENCED HERE. YOUR KINDNESSES, YOUR ATTENTION TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THEIR HANDICAP, YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT IN ACHIEVING NEW GOALS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THEIR LIVES, AND HOW YOU INTERPRET THEM AND THEIR NEEDS TO OTHERS CAN ALSO HAVE A DECISIVE EFFECT ON COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, AND THE TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL, HEALTH AND OTHER SERVICES THAT CITIZENS IN YOUR AREA WILL BE WILLING TO SUPPORT,

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L THOSE MAKING THE SURVEY WISELY URGED THAT THE POTENTIAL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RETARDED AS INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND AS ECONOMICALLY PRODUCTIVE PERSONS SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN .... I HEARTILY CONCUR AND APPLAUD EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION AS MURIEL OFTEN REMINDS ME, IT IS TIME TO CEASE TALKING ABOUT WHAT THE RETARDED CANNOT DO AND CONCENTRATE ON WHAT THEY CAN DO

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000128 - 5 -IVE OUR BEST LEAST ONE-THIRD OF THE 6 MILLION PERSONS WHO ARE ACTUALLY RETARDED TODAY ARE CAPABLE OF EARNING A LIVING AND BEING SELF-SUPPORTING, PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IF ADEQUATE TRAINING AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR THEM. FOR WHATEVER REASON, WE HAVE BEEN SLOW A TO ACKNOWLEDGE C EVERY CHILD I THE FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION to dealth . The to all children - 95 equeptimal, Sprink Thisa 2170

- 6 -L IF THAT CHILD IS HANDICAPPED, THEN HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE ALL THE MORE NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF SUPPORTIVE ASSISTANCE WITHOUT GOOD HEALTH AND TRAINING HE WILL FOREVER BE DENIED THE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY THAT SHOULD BE HIS BIRTHRIGHT EXPERTS IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT ADVISE US THAT THE RANGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S INTELLIGENCE IS DETERMINED DURING THE VERY EARLY YEARS OF LIFE AND YET, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH ( MANT SERVICES, THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN WHO ARE MENTALLY RETARDED ARE NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL THEY REACH SCHOOL AGE

VERY VALUABLE YEARS ARE LOST.

- 7 -BECAUSE OF OUR INACTION WE FIND CHILDREN LINGERING IN CLASSROOMS ILL PREPARED TO SERVE THEM AND OFTEN UNNECESSARILY HANDICAPPED BY SUCH DISORDERS AS VISION AND HEARING DIFFICULTIES WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN CORRECTED HAD THEY BEEN DISCOVERED IN A GOOD HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM, know that you here at Denton State School are THY CAPE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEED FOR DAY CARE SERVICES FOR THE RETARDED. For ALL CHILDREN THE AVAILABILITY OF MODERN DAY CARE HELP IS NO LONGER AN INDIVIDUAL CONVENIENCE. IT HAS BECOME A COMMUNITY AND A NATIONAL NECESSITY, ONE-THIRD OF MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX, SOME FOUR-AND-ONE-HALF MILLION, ARE WORKING TODAY ... 2172

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- 8 -THIS MEANS THAT THERE ARE MILLION PRESCHOOL CHILDREN IN NEED OF DEVELOPMENTAL DAY CARE SERVICES WHILE THEIR MOTHERS ARE OUT OF THE HOME . YET THERE ARE LESS THAN 700,000 LICENSED DAY CARE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AND HEADSTART PRESENTLY SERVES ONLY ABOUT 263,000 CHILDREN IN FULL-YEAR PROGRAMS AND 208,000 IN SUMMER PROGRAMS. A DAY CARE PROGRAM IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO THE FAMILY WITH A HANDICAPPED CHILD. Not only is urgently needed training provided, but it PERMITS THE MOTHER A RESPITE FROM 24-HOUR CARE OF A RETARDED CHILD WHICH MAY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHETHER HE CAN REMAIN AT HOME OR MUST LIVE IN A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY.

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I COMMEND YOUR INNOVATIVE EFFORT HERE TO OFFER

TEMPORARY CARE FOR A RETARDED PERSON -- WHOSE FAMILY

MAY NEED SUCH A RESPITE. AND AMONG THE NATION'S POOR NALNUTRITION, CROWDED AND DILAPIDATED HOUSING AND A GENERALLY INADEQUATE LEVEL OF LIVING TAKE THEIR TOLL, TOO. THE CITIZEN'S BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION ESTIMATES THAT 10 MILLION AMERICANS ARE "SLOWLY STARVING, " MANY ARE CHILDREN WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, THESE CHILDREN WILL BE DULL, LISTLESS AND POOR THROUGHOUT THEIR ENTIRE LIVES.

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HOW GREAT THE TOLL HAS BEEN IN THE PAST IS REFLECTED IN THE STARTLING STATISTIC -- THAT IN THE POOR NEIGHBORHOODS OF THIS COUNTRY IS FOUND 75 PER CENT OF ALL THE MENTAL RETARDATION. SO IT IS VITAL THAT THOSE WORKING ON BEHALF OF THE RETARDED CONCERN THEMSELVES AS WELL WITH RELATED SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND HUMAN NEEDS. SUCH INVOLVEMENT CAN SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF MENTAL RETARDATION IN THIS COUNTRY, No one knows better than I that the fight against RETARDATION WILL NOT BE WON IN WASHINGTON . WASHINGTON CAN AND MUST TAKE THE LEAD TO HELP MAKE VICTORY POSSIBLE THE DAY-TO-DAY FIGHT WILL BE WAGED AND WON AS ALWAYS ON THE LOCAL FRONT CIDENA DE MINI

- 11 -IT WILL BE WON WHERE TEACHERS TEACH RETARDED CHILDREN -- WHERE RESEARCHERS STUDY THE ORGANIC CAUSES OF MENTAL RETARDATION -- WHERE PARENT ASSOCIATIONS TOIL TO BUILD COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ACTIVITIES, Stuillbe Mere residential facilities are available for the RETARDED AND ORGANIZE PROGRAMS TO SERVE THEM -- WHERE COMMUNITY ACTION WORKERS STRIVE TO OVERCOME THE CONDITIONS OF DEPRIVATION THAT CREATE SO MUCH OF THE MENTAL RETARDATION THAT EXISTS IN URBAN AND RURAL AMERICA. These are the FRONT LINES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST MENTAL RETARDATION AND ONE OF THE CONTINUING CHALLENGES OF THOSE WORKING ON ALL LEVELS IS TO ASSURE THAT THE LOGISTICS EFFORT WORKS WELL AND SMOOTHLY.

000135 - 12 -MUST ASSURE THAT CURRENT KNOWLEDGE REACHES THE PUBLIC AND THOSE WHO CAN PUT IT TO USE STAFFORD WARREN, PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSISTANT FOR MENTAL RETARDATION, MAINTAINED THAT THE TOLL OF MENTAL RETARDATION COULD BE REDUCED BY FULLY ONE-HALF IF ALL WE KNOW TODAY COULD BE APPLIED SUCCESSFULLY EVERYWHERE, IT IS, OF COURSE, ESSENTIAL TO PLAN, TO STUDY, TO REVIEW, TO ANALYZE PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE RETARDED. BUT THIS IS FOR NAUGHT, IN MY JUDGMENT, IF ALL OF THIS ACTIVITY DOES NOT AFFECT THE LIVES OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND THEIR FAMILIES IN A POSITIVE WAY You who are working A ON BEHALF OF THE RETARDED ARE DOING SO DURING AN EXCITING TIME.

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SO MANY BREAKTHROUGHS HAVE BEEN MADE AND ARE BEING

THE GROWING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THIS PROBLEM IS ITSELF

A MAJOR VICTORY,

 $\chi$  And I am especially encouraged by the fundamental changes and improvements that I see being made in residential facilities.

Your work here at the Denton State School is an OUTSTANDING ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN THERE IS A UNIFIED EFFORT TO ASSURE THE RETARDED RESIDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP HIS PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND SOCIAL CAPACITIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

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YOU ARE CERTAINLY AN INSPIRATION TO ME AND I KNOW YOU ARE TO MANY OTHERS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF THE RETARDED. WE ARE COUNTRY, BUT WE ARE NOT SO RICH Total with any human resource . Our THAT WE CAN BE F HANDICAPPED MUST BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE IN EVERY PHASE OF SOCIETY, WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR TALENTS AND SKILLS. WE CANNOT AFFORD THE LOSS OF THEIR WASTED ABILITY,

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