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Ottawa, Ontario
5 April, 1952

Dear Miss Fortin,

Re: Psychiatric Examinations

As discussed with you during your recent visit to my office in Ottawa, the opinion of a psychiatrist should be sought in certain cases of social welfare and delinquency. Unfortunately these psychiatric examinations can only be given in such cities as Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers and some in Campbellton for the Indians of Restigouche. You will see, therefore, that only those Indians residing in reserves near these cities can be examined. The advice of Doctor Vézina who is the Chief of all the Mental Institutions in the Province of Quebec can be asked for in such cases. He will himself tell you where the examinations can be carried out.

I got in touch with Dr. Roberts, Chief of the Mental Health Division for this Department, who advises me that our best procedure should be to contact Doctor Vézina on the subject. Before these young patients are brought to a psychiatrist for examination they should be seen by our medical officers who will give you an idea of their mental state. If our medical officers are of the opinion that they should be sent to a mental institution they must comply with the provincial regulations which demand the completion of forms by two doctors. If, however, these patients are on the border line or are delinquents they are really social welfare cases and the medical officer can refer them to Doctor Vézina or his representatives in the different cities in the province of Quebec for their opinion. At the present time there is nothing else we can do on the subject.

Yours very truly,

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