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January 30, 1948

To N. S. Kupelian, M.D., Superintendent, Pownal State School

I have your memo of January 28th enclosing a copy of a letter from Attorney J. Killeen McKee, relative of a patient in the Pownal State School. I note by the letter from this attorney that this patient is the sole heir of her father who died last September. His estate is being probated in New Brunswick, and will be wound up during next March.

Inasmuch as the patient is to receive some part of the estate, I feel that a guardian should be appointed, so that when the money is paid over, he can give a legal release to the administrator.

Of course the State of Maine can claim for her maintenance and will claim moneys to which she is entitled.

It has been the practice of this office to suggest the name of some member of the Department of Institutional Service to be appointed guardian of patients in the institutions, so that the proper administration of the estates of the patients will be taken care of and at the same time the interests the State has by reason on claims for maintenance against beneficiaries will be protected. You yourself could be appointed guardian by applying to the Judge of Probate of Cumberland County.

Ralph W. Farris
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