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Dear Louie and Bill:

As you know, there appears to be a substantial number of handicapped not now being served by any public or private program. I am attaching a copy of a recent letter from the Northwest Center, and I suspect that we should meet to explore possible avenues toward a better understanding of the problem. I would like to arrange a meeting in my office, with perhaps a couple of staff members from your respective offices, at 1:30 p.m. on June 17. Please call my secretary and confirm if this is possible.

In thinking over the problem, I see the following as at least the initial questions to discuss:

- 1. What is the number of handicapped children presently unserved?
- 2. On the basis common definitions, what categories make up the unserved group?
- 3. What services are presently provided for handicapped children?
- 4. What services are not provided?
- 5. What are the alternative ways of handling the problem?

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- 6. What are the costs, benefits and problems of each alternative?
- 7. How should we proceed to implement the most favored alternative?

In addition to the specific problem, this will provide an opportunity to discuss other mutual problems.

Very truly yours,

Walter C. Howe, Jr.

Director

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