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SUBJECT: Incident on Quaker Hall 1 - 1/10/80

TO: David Kucherawy  
Truman Unit Director

FROM: J. Gregory Pirmann  
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I am sorry for the delay in submitting this written report. As I explained to you in my phone call of the 10th, I entered Quaker Hall I at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10th accompanied by Ms. Tekla Bacon, a representative from the National Association of Counties. Entering from the walkway, we saw Howard Hurwitz sleeping in his room. We then walked back to the dayroom. Upon entering the dayroom, we met Larry G , MRA I, who was just leaving the office. Irene Smith was sitting at the corner of the dayroom near the shower room. At least two other aides were in the room. One was a young black woman who was stretched out on a Modu-Form couch, sound asleep. The couch was against the wall under the old basketball backboard. The aide was covered from her neck down with a sheet. A second sheet was spread over the couch, underneath her.

I spoke to Gerry Kyle and Billy Thompson for a few moments, spoke with Ms. Bacon about the program on Quaker I and turned to leave. I decided not to take any direct action about the sleeping aide to avoid disrupting our tour. (In retrospect, I should have done something. Ms. Bacon had to also notice the aide, and probably now thinks we allow/condone such behavior.) As I turned to leave I spoke with Irene Smith. While we talked, I noticed another aide (a tall, young man) reach over and touch the shoulder of the young woman who was sleeping, apparently to arouse her. He was sitting in another chair adjacent to the windows which face on the parking lot. He had to stand up to reach his colleague. I did not see whether she awoke or not. Ms. Bacon and I then left Quaker I.

I hope this recounting is specific enough for your use. Again, I'm sorry for the delay.

JGP/sjm