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The University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, Texas 76010

Office of the President

October 26, 1971

Mr. Joe K. Butler, Chairman
Texas Department of Mental Health and
Mental Retardation
4405 North Lamar Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78756

Dear Mr. Butler:

It would be most desirable for The University of Texas at Arlington to have a working relationship with the proposed North Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation School. Should the facility be located geographically so that faculty members and students could travel easily from our campus to the facility, there are many cooperative programs which we would like to discuss with you.

A few examples of the mutually advantageous programs which our faculty would like to see worked out are as follows:

1. Our School of Social Work has many academic and research functions which it would like to conduct in a facility such as the one proposed. They wish to have the opportunity to assign advanced students there for their placement work and, as another part of the School of Social Work program, to have students study and to a limited extent participate in the management problems of the institution.

2. Our Department of Psychology is very much interested in the relatively new field of behavior modification, and for academic and research reasons would like an opportunity to study and to work with selected patients of the school. A collaborative program in this area we feel would lead to useful results both for our institution and yours. In addition our department wishes to establish a practicum program in your institution for a rehabilitation program.

3. Other groups on our campus, such as the Department of Sociology and the Institute of Urban Studies, would have many reasons to work with you both as regards the patients in the school itself and with the families and community related to the school.

4. We are developing a series of allied health professions programs for which we can give the academic work but for which we need laboratory setting and clinical supervision of our students. It is most probable that your institution would be ideal for some of these relations.

Because there are other components of The University of Texas System in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, it is not desirable for any component to attempt to influence the location of the school. We do wish to point out, however, that we are quite anxious to plan cooperative programs with the new facility and wish to be kept in mind as you plan specialized programs for the institution. We will be glad to furnish detailed information in any of the areas mentioned above should you require it.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Frank Harrison
President

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

Office of the Chancellor

601 COLORADO STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

November 1, 1971

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Bryce Jordan
Dr. Charles C. Sprague

FROM: Kenneth H. Ashworth *KHA*

SUBJECT: Attached Letter to MHMR from Frank Harrison



When Frank Harrison was requested to write a letter endorsing the location of a new MHMR school in south Tarrant County, he discussed the approach he should use with Bill Knisely and me. We told him that we did not believe the U.T. System should be in the position of having different U.T. institutions endorsing different sites in competition with each other. The enclosed letter is the result of those conversations.

We told Dr. Harrison that we would communicate to you this position so that you would be able to take a similar position to avoid endorsing a specific location if you were asked to do so.

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Enclosure

cc: Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre
Dr. Frank Harrison
Mr. Frank Miskell
Dr. William H. Knisely



November 8, 1971

Dr. Frank Harrison
University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, Texas 76010

Dear Dr. Harrison:

Thank you for helping make our Wednesday meeting with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation a most successful one.

The Board members have told us they were impressed by our presentation and the site which we offered. We feel that your assistance with our program greatly increased our chances of success in locating the school in Fort Worth.

The Board hopes to reach a decision by November 20. We will try to keep you informed of that decision and any other related events.

Very truly yours,

Clarke Gillespie
Program Chairman

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