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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

STATE OF VERMONT
BRANDON STATE SCHOOL
TRUMAN J. ALLEN, M. D., SUPERINTENDENT
BRANDON

May 20, 1932

Mr. Clarence M. Hook
Matawan, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Hook:

Answering your favor of the 17th re Delbert and Rosalba Ashley would advise that there is little question in my mind but that owing to mental retardation and limitation we are all justified in recommending that they have the advantage, a special study and training here so that we shall be able to define just what their condition may be and advise as to what seems best. A school like this affords an opportunity of careful, individual study of such problem school children.

The teacher reports that they are deficient in interest and that they don't grasp things quickly. Delbert is a masturbator but this will probably cease after a little. Neither of the children are doing even first grade work. They are rather restless and lack in concentration.

It would be inadvisable of course to think of moving them at this time as they are now placed where they can receive the special attention that they need if we expect to help them.

I am glad to report they seem to be in good health and are very happy here, they have not been at all homesick.

I am glad to report anytime you wish to write.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. J. Allen".
Superintendent

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