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Mr. Henry W. Coe,
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Portland 16, Oregon

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H. I. Easthall

Dear Mr. Coe:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 14. I am happy to learn that you had opportunity before leaving Washington to examine the transcript of the evidence so carefully. After the arrival of your letter I caused the transcript to be sent to my office so I could examine it and it is easy now to understand that you thought I was quoting directly from a letter written by the mother of this baby. That was not the case. I did not have the letter with me when I testified and so I was only paraphrasing from memory. In the transcript all of this appeared in direct quotation marks.

Since the letter was a personal one I am somewhat reluctant to give the author's name without her prior consent. However, I feel sure she would not object to my doing so. She is Mrs. Raymond Bays, Jr. of Anchorage. This is a literal quotation from her letter:

"Although our daughter is beyond repair, and the help she gets at Morningside, and the Medical Director there, are both excellent, it is very hard to have her so far away.

"She is but 2 years old and she may not live to see another 2 years, but even tho this has been true with our baby, I am more than happy to see it is coming to an end and other people can have their children taken care of the way they need, and still be close where their loved ones may watch and see just what is going on. It is bad enough to send an adult away, but is more than cruel to send your baby away."

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The Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

It was very nice to see you again when we were in Washington last week.

We read the transcript of the hearing with a great deal of interest and noted your comment about the mother of one of our infant patients who expressed her belief that her child's life expectancy was very limited, only a year or two.

Since we have no child here whose prognosis for life is so definitely established, we certainly would like to know the name and address of the woman of whom you spoke.

I know that you would want us to reassure this unhappy mother and, since we are most anxious to do so, your early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sgd. Henry M. Coe
General Manager