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Mr. Cam Mackie
National Director
Job Creation Programme
Department of Manpower and Immigration
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Mackie,

In the course of my work as a psychiatrist here in Vancouver I have gradually become aware that certain federally funded innovative service projects are playing a significant role in the overall practice of psychiatry, or at least in the lives of those people who are our patients.

It seems to me that, in my field at least, these programmes represent an important development. As a matter of fact, it is my belief that we will look back in 10 years or so and recognize that the whole pattern of providing service to people had been altered.

I am interested in gathering as much material as I can relating to this subject; I am preparing a paper for presentation to the Canadian Psychiatric Association at its annual meeting in Ottawa this October. The paper is entitled 'Psychiatry and the L.I.P.' and is a study of five local projects.

I understand that you carry the responsibility for most of these programmes and that you were very much involved in the evolution of the whole concept of self-help, going back to the C.Y.C. I have taken the liberty of writing directly to you because you do seem uniquely qualified to speak about the overall philosophy and general background of these projects.

I am particularly interested in any evaluative or descriptive studies that have been carried out. I have heard about one such study done by the Social Work department at the University of Calgary but it does not seem to be available locally. Would you be able to give me access to any such material?

Sincerely,

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