

[REDACTED],  
Atlanta, Georgia  
October 25, 1949

Dr. T. G. Peacock, Superintendent  
Milledgeville State Hospital  
Milledgeville, Georgia

Re: Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Carroll County, Georgia

Dear Dr. Peacock:

Your registered letter of October 20 was received today, in which you state in part, "this is to notify you that the State Board of Eugenics will meet on November 15, 1949, at which time it will consider and pass on the advisability of sterilization operation being performed on Mrs. [REDACTED], etc." This is a great shock to me, since I visited my sister last Saturday, October 21, and she appeared to be in such good physical condition and so sane I had hopes of her being able to return home soon.

Please explain just why it is deemed necessary to perform such an operation, the seriousness of it, and what the chances are of improving her mental condition by doing so.

Perhaps I am childish but have always been under the impression that such operations were performed on women, either inclined to be "man-crazy" or those whose mental health was such that it would not be fair for them to bear children, neither of which applies to Virginia. She has always cared for or associated very little with men, and in the two odd years she was married never became pregnant so I am at a loss to understand the reason for the operation.

Will you please advise us immediately?

Thanks.

Yours very truly,  
[REDACTED]