

like sick care to me.

Mr. WALKER. They are ill. It is like any other piece of equipment. Mr. Johnson came back and he got along fine for a while but suddenly he developed congestion in his lungs caused by poor circulation, a bad heart condition, and he suddenly degenerated. Many times you have your cerebral vascular accidents suddenly. We are dealing with 65- or 70- or even 90-year-old pieces of equipment called the human. We have not had any general notice nor have we been notified, nor have I been notified, as an individual.

STAFF DIRECTOR. Are you saying that the notice you have is in the nature of conversation with the enforcement officer?

Mr. WALKER. The notice we have had has been through the nursing homes that have been served notice.

Mr. ERCOLANO. By a field agent.

Mr. WALKER. We have originated an inquiry ourselves, and it has been made part of the record.

To answer the question precisely, to my knowledge, and I think I would know, we have not had an official notice to all the nursing homes of this country putting us on notice to this effect.

Mr. PICKENS. Mr. Meadows, the first rumblings we had were last October and November from Oklahoma and Texas and then some from Colorado and other States. This was the reason that on January 29 we had accumulated so many of these that I wrote this letter that was just put in the record, on January 29, to the Administrator, requesting a ruling on extended-care facilities and skilled nursing homes.

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Had a cold and flu. Medications given: Lincocin (antibiotic), 2cc's IM BID until temperature subsides; reticulogen, 1/2 cc daily for 2 weeks, then two times per week; allergic to penicillin.

Current medication: Librium, 5 mg, capsule 1 QID; Serutan, 1 gram with juice TID; Merazine, 50 mg, tablets 1 daily; Entozyme, tablets 1 p.c. QID; Maalox, 2 grams for gastric distress; Nembutal, 1½ grams h.s. for rest; Reticulogen 2 times per week; laxative as needed.

General comments by Mrs. Blandin: RN on duty 7-3, and on call at all times. LPN's or RN's are on duty from 3-11 and from 11-3.

Re special care of patients. Some hospital procedures are undertaken, such as oxygen given to Mr. Carroll and the reinsertion of the foley catheter. Consultants are called in when necessary, again as in the case of Mr. Carroll when an eye specialist was called in.

All patients are admitted only on orders of a physician and are under the continuing supervision of a physician at all times.

Mr. EVERETT. Have you anything else to say?

Mr. WALKER. I want to simply say this, sir.

I appreciate the interest of the committee. We all appreciate the