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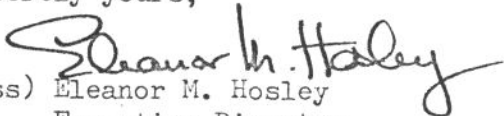
Dear Mrs. Lubin:

The Preliminary Report concerning the design of the proposed children's center for Reston is extremely interesting and well thought out. I have only one serious criticism. I hate to see any facilities at all for infants and toddlers for day care within the institution. The space and number of staff is great. However, one of the most important requirements for insuring the healthy development of babies is continuity of care-takers. The baby will have of necessity two principal care-takers if he is out of his home during the day, namely his mother and the day time substitute. Even this is considered undesirable by some experts. If he is in an institution, he will probably be shifted to someone new at one and two years, or thereabouts. This can be avoided if he is in a day care home. Prospective workers can be trained as well in a home as in an institution. Under any circumstances, there are liable to be changes. When one has had the opportunity to observe how profoundly disturbing this can be for babies and toddlers, one determines to do everything possible to safeguard against it. There are some English movies that show quite dramatically how upset a young child may be when faced with separation from a loved person. Many of us can recall instances we have observed ourselves.

Anna Freud has stated that continuity, affection and stimulation are the three basic requirements for the healthy development of the very young. I am inclined to think the need for continuity is the most often overlooked or misunderstood.

I am very much impressed with the report and plans as a whole. By the way, you have Family Care 0-2 and 3-5. I suppose 0-2 goes up to 3?

Sincerely yours,


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Executive Director

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