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Dear John:

I hope and pray that all is well at home. I am not able to say that all is well here.

- Two weeks ago, I submitted a request to the staff here at St. Luke's requesting permission to go to Boston to officiate at the wedding of my grand niece. The permission has been denied.

The reasons advanced for the denial of permission were given (1) that I was not sincerely working the program to the best of my ability, (2) that I am at risk to travel to Boston (this, despite the fact that I have not "acted-out" in four years!!!)

I have asked my therapist, BARBARA ANDREATIS, to put in writing the opinions of the staff and mail the same to you - so that you will have an objective report from them.

I know that I have difficulties relating mind and heart, mind and emotions - but that does not mean that I have not tried with open, honest sincerity.

I have placed my trust - my life and its most inglorious facts clearly before the staff. I have concealed nothing. I have been as direct with them as I have with you. But, the staff simply does not trust me (despite my four year perfect record).

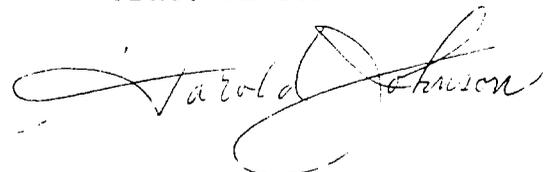
In your office several months ago, I raised the question of this September 19th wedding. You assured me that there would be no difficulty. I accepted your word.

This refusal to grant permission would hurt my recovery (as I see it) and would damage what is important to my recovery (my family relationships). The refusal of permission now causes an irreparable conflict between myself and the staff.

I ask again your kindness! Would you kindly arrange another Institute in which I may work-out my recovery...with more amiable relationships between myself and staff. I am sorry to burden you again! I await your advice as to where I should move.

Please advise! God bless you!

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