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Dr. John C. Troxel
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Dear Doctor Troxel:

You are aware of the activities with reference to the rehabilitation of former users of narcotic drugs through the program of Medical Counseling Clinics for the City of Chicago under the direction of the State of Illinois, Department of Public Health. As you know, two such clinics are now in operation, one at the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the University of Illinois Research Hospitals and the other at Provident Hospital. A part of our program includes attempts at "total" reintegration of the patient back into society and into useful community life. To do this job adequately, the "total" community resources will have to be rallied to the support of these individuals after complete drug withdrawal and physical rehabilitation while actively under clinic control.

Since the early beginning of the clinic project, we have realized the importance of close cooperation with the State Employment Service and with representatives of labor, industry and business, in order to facilitate selective placement of these rehabilitated individuals in the employment to which they are best suited. For this purpose, we are asking about ten individuals representing the organizations mentioned and officials of our clinic, to attend a Luncheon Meeting at the Parkway Dining Room, 420 East 45th Street on Wednesday, February 13, at 12:00 Noon, for about 1½ hours. The agenda will include:

1. Discussion of the question of integrating former drug users into gainful employment with the help of long-term control by Medical Counseling Clinics.
2. Methods of cooperative selections and referrals of such individuals for job placement.
3. Discussion of on-the-job training programs.

We hope that you may be able to attend.

With very best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

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COORDINATOR, NARCOTICS PROGRAM

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