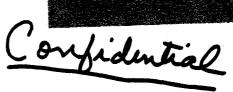
4 March 1973

Mr. Charles Lincoln 3000 Biscayne Blvd. Suite 206-A Miami, Fla. 33137



Re: Seed Inc, Drug Rehab. Program, Tropical Park, Miami, Fla. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. President Art Barker

Dear Mr. Lincoln.

I wish to relate to you the bad experience we had with the Seed Inc. from 4 Feb. 1973 to 2 March, 1973 at which time I withdrew our daughter from the Seed Program. Atty. Steve Greenburg advised Art Barker to release our daughter by letter at my request.

To began with our daughter, a only child, age 16 was not a drug addict. Mr. Joe . we learned was selling our daughter and our neice Pot. He drives a Trash truck for the City Of Hialeah. He was selling our daughter \$20.00 of Pot. and \$5.00 at the time. His friend who also workes for the City of Hialeah was seen in our daughters company Jan. 26, 1973. Our daughter went to the Rock consert at Virginia Key with school friends and we received a call from a man saying he had our daughter and he was a X-convict and knew all the ropes and the Law and cus would not find him or our daughter. Our daughter had in her posession 40 Drug Capsuls she bought from the man for \$40.00. They were 3gm Tuinals she said and she was so Druged she could hardly talk. She called to say Good-by to me and her Father as she did not think she would live to see us again. I hired Results Detective Agents and the Police had a Missing Persons report out for our daughter. We worked most day and night until we flushed her out from the people holding her. Two men had held her down and gave her a shot of Herion. She had been seduced and to her knowledge the man used nothing to prevent getting her pregnant or giving her VD.

Feb. 4th we got our daughter. She was missing for a week. Seed Inc. was at the Blimp at Opa-Locka, LaJune Rd. I explained the problem to Seed personnel on the phone. They told us they had a Dr. who checked their children and Dr. Ben Shephord saw some of them. She told me and my husband to bring our daughter to them and we both had to sign to enter Deborah into the Seed. The Blimp was dark and we could not see to read the papers we signed. We were not given a copy of what we signed. Inclosed are copies of all the Seed Inc. papers we have and this is minor compared to the real truth of Seed. My child was kept by Seed for 16 days before she was permitted to return home to us. During the mean time Seed Inc. moved back to Ft. Lauderdale and was running us to exhaustion trying to follow them around, as they did not bother to call or notify us they moved and were shifting our daughter from Foster house to Foster house. My child was put in a Foster house and a Padded lock was on the door. This is Seeds way of shifting the childs safety and welfare so Art Barker is in the clear. No parent is to know who has his or her child. The second Foster house put a Padd Lock on their door. Our daughter was refused to use the phone at Seed or the Foster house. She climbed out the window and was going to Jump but she was 3 (three stories high). She did not want to Die and was afraid if she jumped it would kill her. Art Barker will not talk to me on the phone. He does not even have a Resident phone. If our child had jumped and been killed, in It'my quess the Foster parents would pretend they never saw her. Art Barker would be in the clear and so would the Foster parents since their mames were a secret from me and my husband. I have never at any time given art Barker or any Foster Parent the Authority to lock my child in a room with a Pad lock. She was made sleep on the floor with mo covers one night and in nothing but her pannies and a T-shirt. She was not feed any food for 16 days except the usual hard stale, sometimes molded Peanut-butter sandwick at the Seed Inc. at 10: AM and at 6: PM a bolona sandwich and bowl of soup which we parents have to make and take to the Seed. We are asked to buy our own bread from 13 to 25 large loafs. Seed gives us Peanut Butter and Jelly which is packed by Sexton Co. and probably donated to Seed. We parents are being told now by our

children they are forced to eat the sandwiches tough they are sometimes molded. The tee* age Staff Art Barker has working over our children say there is no such thing as Justification in the Seed Inc. Who is Art Barker, to ask us parents to bring a Hair Net and Public Health Card to heat soup on a stove when he condones his Staff to force our Drug Problem children to eat Sandwiches Molded that are thrown back in a room for days. I made 13 loafs of bread into sandwiches and worked until 3:30 AM in order to get it to Seed by 11: Am the next day only to learn they were put aside for another day. I wish the Health Dept. of Fla would put Art Barker out of business for good. He is not worthy of the company of my child. She lost about 12 lbs the 16 days she was there.

Art Barker said the only finance he gets to support the Seed is the \$250.00 we parents pledge when we admit a child to the Seed. He takes up a collection at open meetings Monday and Frid. night. He sells these Seed signs for \$1.00. Rumors are he said he will never accept any Federal Money because the Govt. would change this or that. I agree it needs Some Officials from some place, Fla, State or Federal to make alot of changes, At Seed in Lauderdale I went to the bath room. A Drug Problem child was at the door to write down my name and ask me if I had to do No 1 or No. 2. I said No. 1. She told me which comode to use that was full of No. 1. and stunk so I almost vomited. She told me to put paper in the can and not flush the comode. I ask why and one child said they were poor and doing the best they could, another said to was to save on the water. I may never know the real reason but that building needs to be closed if this is the best Art Barker can offer our hundreds of Drug Children who were sitting in the building and he surely is not in poverty if each parent pays him \$250.00 per child. I just can not see how he can profess to Love our children yet he gets on the Mike and braggs the Seed Inc is up for the Emmy Award and how he had the Washington Medical Officials and Mental Health calling him saying Art, How do you cure the Drug Children? He says he even has the Officials stumped. (Mr. Lincoln, if you or a Official can you should talk to some of the Seed children and alot of them are back on drugs as soon as they return to school. Some in the program say the Seed is not a all cure but anything helps.) I used the Comode at Tropical Park and it was the same rutine. In this case a Pipe was leaking to the bottom floor so surely by not this has been repaired. I don't know.

Art Barker ask all the children to raise hands if they got Dope from their Teachers. The Dozens of hands went up. Then he ask who got Dope at Church. A few hands went up. One Self professed Addit stood up and said her Catholic Priest was on Dope and could not help her so she came to the Seed Inc. for help. Seed Personnel at the Blimp said they had arrangements with Dade Co schools where our children were given credit for the thme spent in Seed. This is a Bo-Bo-, mis-leading to us parents and our children. We found out the real truth once we tried to re-enter our child in Dade public school but I trust Officials have gotten Seed Inc. straight on this by now.

Seed Inc. did not have a Dr. to see or examin our daughter the entire time she was there. I personally took her to a Hialeah, Dr. Link on Feb. 26th for a good check up, VD Smear and pregnancy test since the Convict had Seduced her. Seed lied to me about having a Dr. and I do not think Dr. Ben Shepherd has the time to spend Mon. and Frid night at the Seed Program. I haven't seem him there yet. He could be in a room someplace but I don't think so. Art Barker says the children in his Program who were on drugs do not need any Medical Men with their Degrees. All he needs are the self Professed X-Addicts, as his Staff, All but one looks a teenager, Mike may be 21 yrs. old. The Rap sessions day and night after night are alot of vulgar Street talk. One girl was crying for her Mother, Art Barker had some of his Staff holding her to the chair. Art took the Mike and moked the girl, quote, MA*MA- Your Ma-Ma is gone. Look parents she gave me this, Art Barker held up his 3rd Index finger which is a common guesture in street talk. If this mess is a Drug Rehab. program I want my child having no part of it. Alot of these children are in Seed from the Courts. They have to take all 'this garbage and have no one to get help from. Some of them survive only on the 2 Sandwiches and one bowl of Soup a Day. My heart goes out to them. A boy. Bob Ingram in the program talked to me at length Friday night while I was waiting for my child. He was given 5 yrs. in Raford but the Judge told him to serve 7 months in Seed and then the Judge will clear the 5 yr. Raiford time. The

boy said it had been rough at the Seed and he did stay hungry but he has stuck it out this far and will soon be a free person to get work and start a new life with out drugs. He knows he has some brain damage from drugs and will have flashbacks for the rest of his life probably.

Art Barker does not think our Drug children need Drs. Surely some official, some place can suggest to Art Barker that our children who come to his program are in need of Trained qualified Medical Drs. and Social workers who can help our children with the Drug problems. A lot of parents stand around out side waiting for the program to let out so we can get our children and go home. They do bicker, fuss and discuss alot of things we don't like about the program. Art Barker never once has ask us at a Open meeting if we had any Questions? He is not interested and proved this by refusing to talk to me on the Phone. Seed Personnel said I had to have their permission to take my child to my Prive. Dr. for a VD. smear and Pregmant Test. I told them quick I don't need their permission for nothing pertaining to my child and Art Barker refused to talk to me when I called Lauderdale to ask his permission. I took my child to the Dr. and thank heavens she is clean but the Seed had her for 16 days and they made no effort to have her seen by a Dr.

Some of the children in the Seed, stand up at Open meetings and say they are there for the 3rd time. This should tell us the program is not to effective. Most of them say they have been on everything from Pot to Herion from $1\frac{1}{2}$ yr. to 5 yrs. Some of the children look to be age 11 yrs, up to college students, Some are pure fakes and anyone can see through it. No one is called by the last name so we have no way of knowing. One Father stood up at Lauderdale and said his young boy had been at Seed for a Yr. and he just had to talk to some one in authority to see what the hold up is. He ask Seed if his child was going to return home or stay at Seed forever. Mike, the Seed Staff said the Boy had alot of growing up to do. A colored Mother stood up at Tropical Park and said she had traveled a long ways to see her boy and it was a Must she see someone in Authority at the See because she went to the Blimp at Opa-Locka and was told the Seed was at Lauderdale, she got to Lauderdale late that night to be told they moved to Tropical Park in Miami. She was very tired and I watched the lady to see if anyone from the Staff ever went to talk to her but I lost her in the crowd when the meeting broke up. One Mother said she had to work to support her children and she lives in North Miami. She is having to borrow different neighbors cars twice a day to bring her daughter to the Seed at Tropical Park and it was embarrassing and expensive for her. She was very worried about the \$250.00 she and her former husband were ask to pay Seed. The former husband refused to pay and the lady is not able to. The Seed has 6 Seed boys at Post to check our cars when we take our children in and out of the Seed each day and night. Some nights two of the boys have a Police dog. Before the meetings break up the Seed Staff come down stairs and walk among us parents asking who we are there to pick up and we must give our childs name. Its very obvious to all of us the Seed is double checking just to make sure none of slip in some outside Official who may get a Eye and Ear Full which they sure would if they ever had the chance to attend any of the day Rap sessions or the Night Sessions.

Some parents who like the **B**eed must be those with hard core Addicts and willing to accept anything for their child. Two people brought one child to the Seed rolled up in a blanket for safe keeping until they got him to Seed. One was brought in Handcuffs by a lady who said she was a Police.

I have our daughter home and I will continue to devote every minute of my time to her Health and Welfare just as I always have. I will take her to Drs. who are trained to work with a Drug problem and I will get her in a Group Session program. The Seed Inc. needs to be out of business as far as the good they are doing our children with a Drug problem. That is my personal openion of the Seed Inc. I have written the truth in this letter and if Art Barker denies one word of it I will gladly, at your request submit to a Lie Detector test to prove what I say is true.

Sincerely, Mrs.

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March 2, 1973

Art Barker
Director
The Seed
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Re: Deborah Wade

Dear Mr. Barker:

Please be advised that this office represents Mr. and Mrs. John Wade and their daughter Deborah.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade have informed me that they have placed their daughter into The Seed because of some problems she was having, but that they were totally dissatisfied with the program for a variety of reasons. Consequently, they removed Deborah from your care.

Subsequent to Deborah's removal, our clients have reported that Deborah has been annoyed, bothered, harrassed by other members of the program who have attempted to coerce her into returning to The Seed by a tactic known as "peer group pressure."

Please be advised that if these actions are not halted forthwith, this office is prepared to protect the interests of our clients to the full extent of the law.

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Sincerely yours,

LAW OFFICES OF PERTNOY, SPAET, & GREENBERG

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Charles Lincoln

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April 2, 1973

Mr. Alex Miller, Youth Co-ordinator, Florida State Drug Abuse Program 3000 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 208A Miami, Flórida 33177

Dear Mr. Miller:

As a Clinical Psychologist currently employed by The Children's Psychiatric Center and previously employed by the Dade County Department of Youth Services, Division of Psychological Services, I have had the opportunity to speak with and evaluate many children who have been in treatment in DATE Centers, as well as in non-licensed drug treatment programs. The purpose of this letter is to share my concern with you regarding the manner in which SEED, Inc., a non-licensed drug treatment program in Dade County, is conducting its program.

My current position involves working on a consultative basis to Youth Counselors and the staff of the State of Florida Division of Youth Services, as well as direct evaluation and interviewing of children in their custody. Almost on a daily basis I learn of incidents in which children have been mistreated, threatened, and have suffered ill consequences pursuant to their involvement in the SEED Program. In my discussions with children at Youth Hall, I have been told of numerous practices by the staff of the SEED which I feel are psychologically destructive to the children in their care. Children have reported to me that when they wanted to leave the SEED program they were threatened with committments to State School. Further, in some instances, they were locked in rooms by themselves and denied food for days. They also reported that they were made to sit in chairs without speaking while listening to others berate them for hours.

I recently had the opportunity to interview a child who could be diagnosed as an emotionally unstable personality with paranoid overtones. The use of the above noted practices with this kind of child could easily result in a precipitation of major mental disturbance. Fortunately this child was able to run from the SEED before very much damage had been done to her psychologically. She did, however, manifest some confusion and paranoid ideation which she felt was a result of the manner in which she was treated by SEED personnel. I have also interviewed children who made suicide attempts following their running from the SEED. Overwhelming feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness, and despair were in evidence. Occurances such as these lead me to question the manner in which children are selected for treatment in the SEED program.

It is my understanding that SEED personnel frequently refuse to cooperate with both Youth Counselors and other professionals, such as, psychiatrists and psychologists.

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Many of the children with whom I have spoken have told me that personnel at the SEED make statements to the effect that no psychiatrist or psychologist can help a person with a drug problem; the only manner in which a person can be helped is to go through the SEED program. Disparaging remarks are frequently made about other drug rehabilitation programs as well as the professional and legal community. Such remarks make it difficult for these people to do their work without apprehensions and resistances on the part of the drug involved youth.

Both the use of potentially destructive interventions and lack of cooperation make the SEED a danger to our community. Although SEED type programs may be beneficial to many of our drug involved youths, I feel that the program, as it is presently operating, may be doing a great deal of harm. It is my sincere feeling that the SEED not be allowed to operate in Dade County unless appropriate changes are made in the program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you want any further information regarding my observations on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Elenewski, PhD Clinical Psychologist

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April 3, 1973

Alex Miller Youth Coordinator, Florida State Drug Abuse Program 3000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 208A Miami, Florida 33137

Ref: The Seed Incorporated

Dear Mr. Miller:

I, as a youth counselor, have contact with most of the Drug Programs in the Dade County area. Over the past months I have become increasingly concerned over the general operation and lack of cooperation I have received from the Seed Incorporated. I should like to briefly outline the difficulties for you and cite several specific examples. In view of the confidential nature of the files of my department, I shall not identify any of the juveniles by name, however, each case referred to, I personally handled and all incidents can be documented.

I have found that the Seed is reluctant and often unwilling to cooperate with other agencies. The current procedure for a juvenile who is both, on probation and enrolled in the program at the Seed is for no one, including the youth counselor, to have any contact with him while he is in the program. The Seed provides routine reports on the youth's progress, however, I have often found these reports to be inaccurate and often exaggerated. I cite one example of a youth who had been in the residential phase of the program for approximately three months. I was routinely advised by the Seed that they felt the young man should remain in the residential portion of the program as his home situation was unsuitable. They further advised that they had explained their reasoning to the juvenile and that he agreed with them. This juvenile subsequently ran away from the program at the Seed and within hours of running away telephoned me to complain that he had been kept at the Seed and that no one had explained why he was not being allowed to return home. He stated that they had continuedly made vague references to his being returned home in a week or two. case was brought before the court and based upon this Counselor's recommendation, Judge Stone ordered that the juvenile be released from his obligation to complete the program at the Seed and that he be allowed to return home and remain under the supervision of the Division of Youth Services. Immediately following this hearing Mike Marcus, a court counselor from the Seed who had participated in the hearing, approached this Counselor, the juvenile and his family and advised all of us that he felt the Judge had made a terrible decision and that he felt the juvenile would most certainly wind up in trouble, unless he returned to the program at the Seed.

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One area of conduct of the Seed which is of particular interest to me, is their use of State Correctional Institutions (such as Florida State School for Boys) as threats against participants in the program. Not only are participants in the program often threatened with commitment to Florida State School for Boys, but the institution is grossly misrepresented as an institution where juveniles are physically abused. I handled the case of a juvenile who advised me that upon his return to the Seed, after having run away, he was repeatedly threatened with a commitment to the State School if he attempted to run away again. When he indicated that he had no desire to continue to participate in the program, the authorities at the Seed advised him that since he wanted to be sent to State School they would arrange for him to be treated as if he were in State School. The juvenile was reportedly placed in one of the Foster Homes of the Seed and locked in a bedroom with furniture piled against the door to prevent his leaving the room. The juvenile advised that he was given meager amounts of food and water and kept in this situation for a period in excess of 24 hours. After the juvenile complained to me of his treatment in the Seed I confronted Debbie Kerr, a court counselor from the Seed, with the story. She indicated that she had no personal knowledge of the specific incident, however, she implied that such treatment was commonplace in the tactics of the Seed and she further defended such tactics by advising me that it was better for juveniles to be locked up and treated harshly for a short period of time, than to allow them to possibly run away from the program where they may "mess up on drugs".

An incident occurred last month, in which the Seed apparently provided the parent of a child with some gross misinformation. The child in question has a history of treatment for psychiatric disorders dating back to the time that he was five years old. The juvenile is currently 16 years old and exhibiting a great deal of antisocial and delinquent behavior which does include the apparent use and abuse of drugs and chemical substances. The parent advised me that she planned to reinitiate the child's psychiatric treatment and additionally refer him to a drug program. The boy's mother referred him to the Seed and after she advised them of her plans to additionally refer her child for psychiatric help, the authorities at the Seed advised her in a blanket statement that psychiatrists cannot help juveniles with drug problems until they get straight and that only a drug program such as the Seed can accomplish this.

I should like to point out that I have also seen numerous cases where the Seed has been beneficial in helping juveniles with drug problems, however, this is certainly not surprising as the basic methods of treatment employed by the Seed are similiar to those employed by virturely every other drug program licensed in Dade County, Florida. I understand that the Seed Incorporated is currently in the process of applying for a license to operate in Dade County, Florida. The purpose of this letter is to urge, both personally and professionally, that the Seed not be allowed to operate in Dade County, unless the program is modified such that their policy for operation will no longer allow instances as outlined above to occur.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Pomerantz Youth Counselor II

Florida State Division

of Youth Services

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Dear Mr. Miller:

I attended, with interest, the recent meeting at Cedar's of Lebanon Hospital regarding licenses for drug programs.

Children's Psychiatric Center The SEED program in Dade County is of particular interest to me, since I have had many acquaintances with ex-Seedlings.

> My first acquaintance with this program was one year ago, while a student for the M.S.W. degree at Barry College School of Social Work. For my thesis I chose drug problems, seeking to discover significant correlations between parental attitudes and drug addiction in offspring. One of the drug programs selected for my research was The SEED of Broward County. I requested and was verbally granted an appointment, but to my great dismay, on arriving at The SEED, I was denied entrance beyond the front door. Furthermore, I was not even given the courtesy of meeting with Mr. Barker or any of his representatives for the purpose of an interview. The matter became further complicated when I informed the secretary that I was an M.S.W. student, as this was met with much hostility for all professional people in the field of mental health. I was informed that "psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychiatric social workers were powerless to effect change in drug addicts." It was further noted that "the SEED was the only solution." The only impact I had was to be invited to one of their open meetings, which in my professional opinion was a sham.

Subsequently, I have interviewed many ex-Seedlings who have informed me of false imprisonments for long periods of time; of being subjected to constant negative reinforcement from peers and authorities with no chance to make a rebuttal. Again, in my professional opinion, this is no form of therapy and can be extremely destructive to the psychological development of any child. In brief, it appears to me that the only thing accomplished by the program is to create group dependence to the utter destruction of the individuals need for independence and initiative.

The entire SEED program seems to be a false ego trip for Mr. Barker, to the utter destruction of his subjects. Furthermore, his absolute

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refusal to hire professional personnel for his staff is totally unethical and in my estimation should in no way be tolerated by responsible citizens of this state.

Thomas A. Walton, M.S.W. Psychiatric Social Worker

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TELEPHONED STATEMENT OF HELENE KLOTH, GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR-NORTH MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

"I know many returned Seedlings, there are many here at the High School. When they return, they are "straight", namely, quiet, well-dressed, short hair and not under the influence of drugs compared to their previous appearance of stoned most of the time. However, they seem to be living in a robot-like atmosphere, they won't speak to anyone outside of their own group. They sit in a class together and the classes become divided of Seedlings opposing non-Seedlings. They alienate many of the other students who do not understand why this anti-social behavior, the classes and the student body are as though divided into two camps. When there are group discussions about social problems or human relations, the Seedlings will not participate in these discussions. Whenever a class or part of the student body is scheduled for a field trip or an outing of some type, the Seed students refuse to participate until they have received permission from the Seed. In this manner, they use their Seed status in an unhealthy manner. One student attempted to rule the class using the Seed as his authority for his efforts at dictating within the class. I have noticed that it is almost necessary that the Seedlings be rehabilitated into social situations upon their return from the Seed. However, at the School, we do not know how to accomplish this because we do not know anything about what we should be doing in relation to the Seedlings. Therefore, sometime ago, I attempted to visit the Seed in order to speak with them about how we could work with them and what we should do. I asked for help. I was treated rudely, two people who went with me, were denied permission to enter and were closely watched in a separate room. In addition to rude treatment, I was told that the Seed was not interested in helping us. The Seed counsellor with whom I spoke, said, "We are not interested in educators or any of the people out there because they don't know anything. The world out there stinks, we will not come to school people."

Seedlings seem to have an informing system on each other and on others that is similar to Nazi Germany. They run into use the telephone daily, to report against each other to the Seed and it seems that an accused Seedling has no chance to defend himself because if enough persons accuse him of something, he is presumed guilty. The Seedlings also make numerous false accusations about drug behavior concerning non-Seedlings. The School is quite upset about this division of social groups and the teachers are very concerned and the non-Seedlings are all uptight.

I use to think it was the saving program, a year ago, I use to take kids there. Now, I know that a number of the children are back on drugs and I am not sure whether the method in which they do return home and the difficulties they have in school, is an improvement over their previous condition of being on drugs. I think there is something valuable available at the program but we could surely help make it work if we could work with them, both about the youngster before he goes to the Seed and to be able to get some help from the program after the student returns."

Received by:

Paul T. Schabacker Senior Health Planner

TELEPHONED STATEMENT FROM SUSAN BEHM, DIRECTOR, PENTLAND HALL

(Pentland Hall is the former Florence Crittenton Home which is now being used by the Division of Youth Services as a half-way house and rehabilitative facility for delinquent girls.)

"We have a substantial number among our total population of girls who are runaways from the Seed program. I will go through my records and give you an exact count. None of them say positive things about their experience at the Seed. They say such things as "it is too big and everybody is among strangers", "there is no contact with parents", "the programs is too long, I was there over one year", "it is ridiculous to go around saying - I love you amongst strangers that you do not know; it is meaningless and said without feeling".

The Seedling girls that I see here seem to be programmed toward certain responses rather than spontaneous in their interaction with others. They are very similar to girls who come from prolonged stays in large institutions."

Received by:

Paul T. Schabacker Senior Health Planner

STATEMENT OF MS. MARIAN SIEGEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HERE'S HELP, INC.

"We are operating a program known as Dasein, which is an effort within the public school system at Drug Abuse Education and Prevention and we are under contract with the Dade County School Board to present this education and prevention program in the public schools. We have had numerous requests by both ex-Seedlings and members of the Seed who are in the schools, requesting us to involve them in project Dasein. When this became known at the Seed, the individual counsellors told each of the Seed members that they could in no way be involved with project Dasein. This was reported to me and I subsequently wrote a letter and mailed it registered to Mr. Art Barker, Director of the Seed, explaining in a very non-threatening way, what projects Dasein attempted to do in the School System and asking for an appointment to sit down and discuss with him where we were with the program and where we were headed. about three days after this was mailed, I received a call from Shelly Barker telling me in a very derogatory manner that project Dasein was duplicating the Seed's program and that her people would not be allowed in any way to be involved with project Dasein. Subsequent to that, I was made aware of the fact that one of the young Seed members was very satisfied with project Dasein and made it known that he intended to stay with project Dasein and not with the Seed. He then relayed an incident of the night before which was the calling of an Open Meeting by Mr. Barker himself and in no uncertain terms explained to the members of the Seed at that moment, that they could in no way participate in project Dasein if it was made known to him that they were, they would begin the program again meaning they would start back again on their 10 to 10 foster home regime. He also stated and expressed the desire of each of the members of the Seed to seek out the room in which project Dasein is operating in each of the schools and to take a look in to find out if any Seed people are participating in project Dasein and if so to report back to him so that those would be required to begin again on their 10 to 10 foster home regime.

To me, this is an extraordinary example of Mr. Barker's desire to further separate his people of the Seed from both the School System and from any other helping agency which is desirous of giving aid to dependent young people. These kinds of actions cannot be tolerated in this community, especially since it is our desire in total to have a comprehensive program to supply services to each and every drug dependent individual."

Received by,

Paul T. Schabacker

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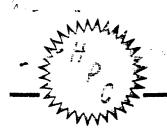
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TELEPHONED STATEMENT FROM JANE DELANEY, GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR-CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

"I think the Seed can and is doing alot of good in getting youngsters off drugs. However, I am very upset about some of the things that happened at School with the returned Seedlings. Their absolute refusal to mix with other students, to meet as a separate body is upseting to other students and is stigmatizing to students whom they do not associate with. It is being badly interpreted by the students and is devisive on the campus. In addition, the Seedlings have to sneak around in order to have any social contact with former friends when they want to because they fear getting caught and they have to make appointments to meet in hidden places and so forth. There seems to be a feeling of "turning in brother against brother" and "people against people" and in some instances, even within families. I know of one student who returned from the Seed very upset because the foster home in which she had been placed during her period of program at the Seed, attempted to persuade her about how bad her parents were. I wish the Seed would do its program of freeing the youngsters from drugs but not add the problems that we are having at School."

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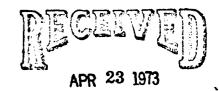
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Mr. Frank Nelson, Director State Drug Abuse Program 320 Blount Street Tallahassee, Florida 32304



DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

Dear Mr. Nelson:

At a special meeting, the Health Planning Council Board of Directors voted to recommend to the State Drug Abuse Program that a conditional DATE Center license be issued to the "Seed, Inc." for Dade County with the proviso that the "Seed" moves toward the resolution of the following concerns:

- 1. A questionable client screening process which results in acceptance into the program of persons that could better be served in other local programs or those who are in danger of being harmed by participation in the Seed program, plus a lack of willingness to refer persons to other programs.
- 2. A seriously limited use of necessary professional services needed to best render quality comprehensive services to the large number of children and their families involved in the program.
- 3. A lack of willingness to allow persons involved in the program or the parents of these individuals to voluntarily remove themselves from the program.
- 4. A small number of persons (5) on the policy Board, plus the questionable procedure of the President also being the Program Director and the President's wife being a member of the policy Board as well as employed by the corporation.
- 5. Continual communication to the public of success rate claims that are not validated by facts, while other community agencies are seeing numerous Seed failures in their agencies.
- 6. Communication to the public of misleading information relative to the actual costs of the program to the client and their parents.

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- 7. Continuous lack of willingness on the part of the Seed program to work cooperatively with other local drug agencies, other youth service agencies, the school system, and the HPC and it's Drug Abuse Task Force, and the local representatives of the State Drug Abuse Program.
- 8. Concerns expressed throughout the community relative to the lasting affect the "Seed" program is having on its "graduates", and in some instances, deleterious affects on its participants.
- 9. The need in Dade County for all drug programs to jointly participate for the community good, and the record of the Seed in avoiding such mutual participation and openly stating defiance toward the cooperating process.
- 10. The Seed should develop a policy-making Board of Directors for the Seed program in Dade County composed of Dade County citizens and without employed members of the Seed organization.
- 11. That substantial progress toward the resolution of the above concerns should be made within six months and before the Seed be considered for licensure in 1974.
- 12. Also, that the Board strongly objects to pressures on HPC decisions, coming from this or any other agency, directed at the Board and officials of the State, and particularly objects to the pressures that resulted in the silencing of the local staff of the State Drug Abuse Program.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the decision of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to await licensing decision until the local review process had determined its recommendations.

Sincerely,

Winston W. Wynne

President

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CC: Secretary Emmett Roberts
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