May 10, 1973

Mr. J. K. Epperson
Jack Epperson Crane
Service Incorporated
4300 Southwest 75 Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Epperson:

The Governor has asked me to respond to your telegram supporting the Dade County Seed Program. The Comprehensive Health Planning Council of South Florida Board of Directors, on April 20, recommended to the State Drug Abuse Program the Seed Program be issued a license. This license has been issued by Mr. Frank Nelson, Director, State Drug Abuse Program.

Please be assured the Governor shares your concern for adolescents and drug abuse. In fact, the Governor is appointing a task force to examine the State's standards and procedures for the issuance of licenses for drug abuse treatment programs. They are to advise him whether these standards and procedures are sound and reasonable, and if not, make specific recommendations for changes.

If our office can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

David R. Beecher
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May 10, 1973

Mr. Gordon C. Anthony
2740 Southwest 6 Court
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Anthony:

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2740 S. W. 6th Court
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
April 17, 1973

Health Planning Council of South Florida
3000 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida

Re: Drug Abuse Program
"The Seed"

Gentlemen:

It is extremely difficult for me to believe the Health Planning Council of South Florida that is made up of a group of citizens from Dade County would question the workings of The Seed.

I have a step daughter on the Seed program in Broward County, Florida. I cannot begin to inform you of how much help she has received. I have placed this girl's life in the hands of The Seed. I made my decision because I love her very much.

I have seer hundreds of kids who have received The Seeds help not to mention the number of parents I have talked with that have advised me of the help their kids received.

I know of no other program that has helped as many kids as The Seed.

I believe the only individuals that would not want to see this wonderful programs work continue would be certain Doctors of Psychiatry, other Drug Rehabilitation Programs, Drug Addicts, and the Mafia, all of which would receive financial gain.

How could the Health Planning Council of South Florida consider denying our children this help?

I love you.

Gordon C. Anthony

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CC: Governor Reuben Askew

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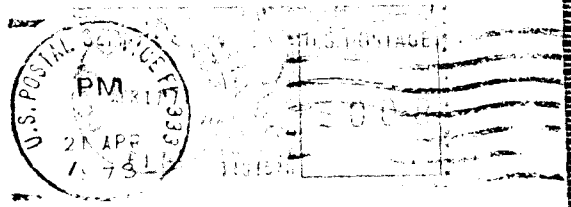

Governor Reuben Askew
The Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

June 2, 1973

Mrs. Marilyn M. Fitzgibbons
8030 Southwest 99 Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mrs. Fitzgibbons:

Governor Askew has asked me to respond to your telegram of May 24 supporting the Seed Program in Dade County and extending an invitation for one of his staff to attend an open meeting.

We most regret, because of the Legislature in session, we cannot send a representative to this meeting, but would welcome the opportunity to attend as soon as possible after the session is over.

Please be assured the Governor shares your interest and concerns in securing the best possible drug abuse treatment programs for the adolescents in the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

David R. Deecher
Social Services Advisor

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MARILYN M FITZGIBBONS

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MR. APTHORP
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

DATE: June 13, 1973

TO: Margaret Miller, HRS

FROM: Linda Pyle

SUBJECT: HRS Drug Abuse Advisory Council

SOURCE:

PLEASE

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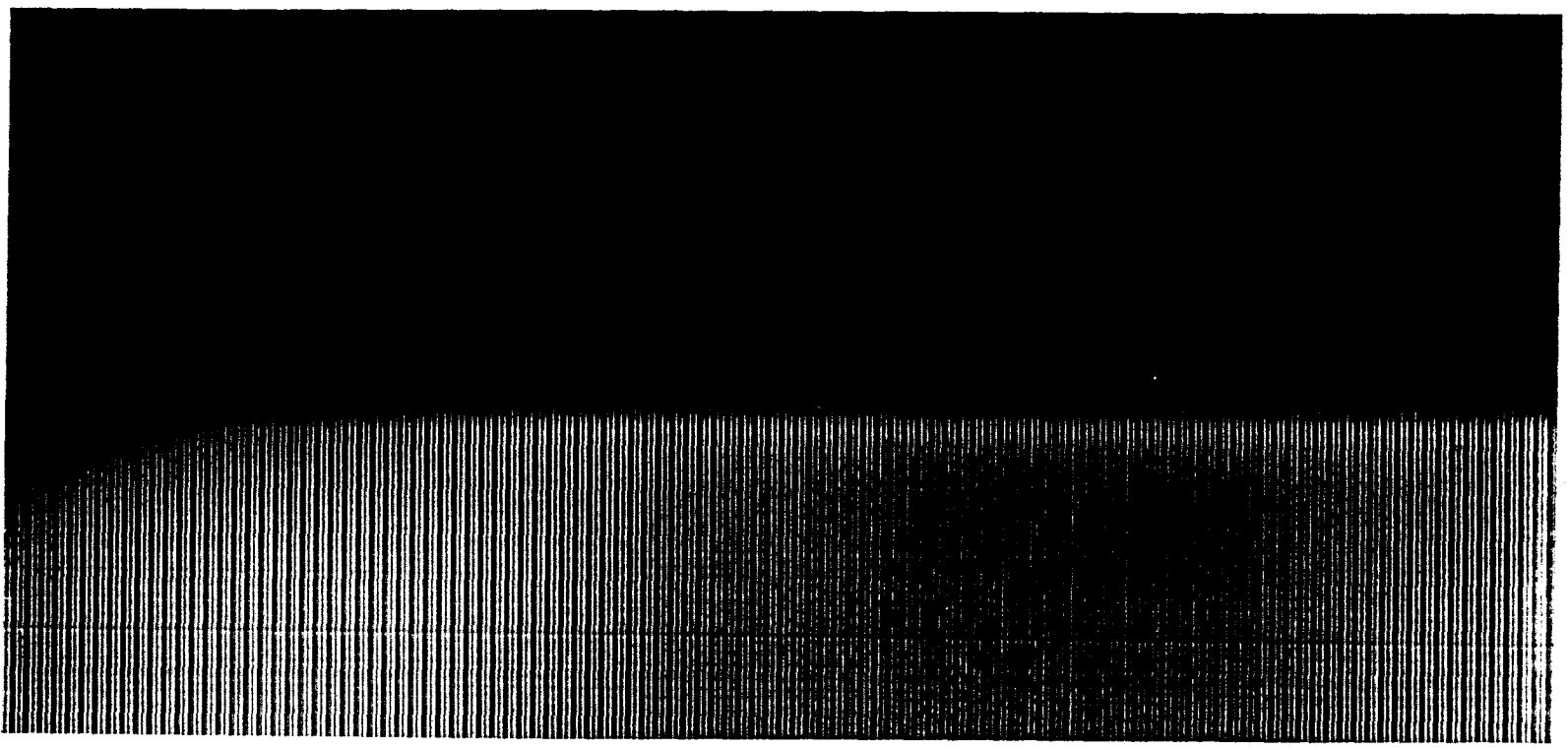

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

DATE: 6/18/73

TO: Linda Pyle

FROM: Mrs. Margaret E. Miller
Executive Assistant

SUBJECT:

[ ] Prepare reply for Mr. Roberts' signature

[ ] Please handle appropriately

[ ] For your information

Comments:

We are returning the attached correspondence to your office per your request.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

From the desk of

DAVID BEECHER

June 12, 1973

Jim,

On several occasions, as you can see by the dates of our buck slips, we asked HRS to respond to letters regarding the Seed Program that were controversial. We have handled those letters that were routine, but felt that the nature of these letters required HRS response. After not hearing from HRS, and in following up our request, the following explanation was given to us: "Mrs. Miller did not know how to answer them because she did not know what has been done on the advisory council, so she has said to just file them. She did not see at this point that they needed a response". (Cindy Bond, Ms. Miller's Secretary related this after checking with Margaret). In particular, I would like to point out that the letter from Elenewski literally blasted the Governor and stated he placed political pressure for the licensing of the Seed Program.

The John Maroney letter was sent over to HRS prior to April, but returned with a memo from Jack Sisson to you stating that they had responded several times to his letters and saw no need to respond again.

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Linda spoke to Margaret Miller and explained that we felt if they would draft a response for the Governor that was in the same text as DFS' response maybe the man would not continue writing. Again, upon following up on this because we had not heard from them, they simply restated they did not see any reason to further write this man a response. They have written him several times before. It did not seem to matter whether we had asked for this draft for the Governor's signature or not.

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June 20, 1973

Miss Sharon Good
1250 Northeast 132 Street
North Miami, Florida 33161

Dear Miss Good:

Governor Askew has asked me to respond to your letter of May 28, 1973, supporting the Dade County Feed Program. Please allow me to apologize for the delay in doing so.

On May 18, 1973, Governor Askew appointed a statewide Drug Abuse Advisory Council to examine thoroughly the State's standards, as well as the licensing policies and procedures for drug abuse programs. Dr. Everett Shockett was appointed regional chairman for Miami. This advisory council will advise him whether these standards and licensing policies and procedures are sound and reasonable and if not, make specific recommendations for changes. After such time as the examination is completed, a select sub-committee will become involved in the reviewing of actual drug abuse programs in the State of Florida to insure their compliance with the State's standards, not only in program content but residential facilities as well.

Please rest assured the Governor shares your concern for our youth today and drug abuse.

Sincerely,

David R. Beecher
Social Services Advisor

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

letter dated March 28

DATE: April 5, 1973

TO: Mrs. Margaret Miller, HRS

FROM: David R. Beecher

SUBJECT: "The Seed" Program - Drug Abuse

SOURCE: Letter from Sharon Good

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Dear Barker

Honorable Governor Askew
State of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

March 28, 1973

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Dear Governor Askew:

I am an eighteen year old student with a brother who got into trouble with drugs and his schooling. He was put into the program called THE SEED. Since then I have been very interested in this program and its problems.

As you probably already know this program's license in Dade County is being withheld because of what I think are excuses to keep out a good thing in Dade. Art Barker, head of this program, has worked long and hard for the so far high accomplishment record of a 95% cure for those kids that have drug or attitude problems. When I say 95%, and I'm not kidding around if you check the records, this means those SEEDLINGS are the ones, of the 95%, that don't, after being on this wonderful program, return to drugs or that continue along the wrong road, And to me that's a pretty "decent" amount.

As a student myself I can see the changes other students are going through times that are hard for them and their parents. My wish is to pass this through the committee and lets get the show on the road. Lets clean up Dade where one of the biggest problem of drugs, crime resulting from drugs, and other problems exists. This program is certainly not the complete total solution to all the problem, but it is the biggest and most successful solution in the greatest while.

I would sincerely hope that at least someone of your standing can see the problem as it lies and I believe it's time <u>everyone</u> did something about it.

I truly thank you for your time and mostly for your ears and eyes as they are what it takes to help our whole of Dade County and THEN the world.

Yours Very Truly,

Sharon Good

carbon copy to Mayor Orr

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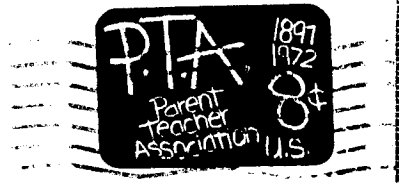
Sharon Good
1250 NE 132ST
North Miami,Fla.
33161



HONORABLE GOVERNOR ASKEW
STATE OF FLORIDA
THE CAPITOL
TALLAHASSEE,FLORIDA

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DAVID R BEECHER
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISOR OFFICER OF THE GOVERNOR STATE OF FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE FL 32304

I WILL REMIND YOU OF YOUR LETTER DATED JUNE 2 1973 I WONDER IF YOU EVER FOUND IT CONVENIENT AFTER THE EXTENDED SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SEED YOU MUST BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE BEEN SQUEEZED OUT OF DADE COUNTY AND WE ARE NOW POOLING AND RUNNING OUR CHILDREN TO OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTY OF BROWARD I AM STILL HOPING THAT YOU WILL SEE YOUR WAY TO SEND A FORMAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ONE OF THE OPEN MEETINGS IN AS MUCH AS OUR GOVERNOR STRIKES ME AS A MAN WHO GETS THINGS DONE AND DOES NOT BACK DOWN IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY OUT OF 4 CHILDREN ON THE PROGRAM I AM PROUD TO SAY I HAVE 3 WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM BUT I STILL ENLIST YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE REST OF THE CHILDREN ALL OVER FLORIDA AND ELSE WHERE WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE SEED PROGRAM
MRS MARILYN FITZGIBBONS

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Fitzgibbons, Marilyn

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July 3, 1974

Mr. Paul T. Schabacker
Associate Executive Director
Comprehensive Health Planning
Council of South Florida
3050 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 601
Miami, Florida 33137

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information concerning the SEED Drug Rehabilitative Program.

In accordance with your request I am enclosing the following documents: a report prepared at my request by a committee of the Florida State Drug Abuse Advisory Council, the findings of Addiction Consultation and Evaluation, P.C., a consulting firm with whom the committee contracted; and the committee's critique of the Addiction Consultation and Evaluation, P.C.'s findings, prepared by Mr. Stephen Glenn, a committee member.

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated, and with kind regards,

Sincerely,

David R. Beecher
Social Services Advisor

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Attachments

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Comprehensive **Health Planning Council** of South Florida

3050 biscayne boulevard / suite 601 / miami, florida 33137 / phone 305 / 573-0220

May 28, 1974

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Mr. David Beecher
Office of the Governor
State Capital
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Beecher:

Wood McCue, this agency's Executive Director, has informed me that he shared some thoughts with you recently about the ACE Consultant Firm's report and the Ryder Committee Report about "The Seed, Inc." He also indicated that you indicated that your office had prepared some responses to that report and might be willing to share copies of them to this office. I would appreciate receiving copies of this material to the extent it is available and shareable.

Sincerely,

Paul Schabacker

Paul T. Schabacker,
Associate Executive Director

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July 23, 1974

S. B. Sells, PhD.
Professor and Director
Institute for Behavorial Research
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas 76129

Dear Dr. Sells:

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Enclosures

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These findings were presented by Dr. Richard Katon, President of ACE at the recent meeting of the subcommittee. Some members of the subcommittee felt that the report showed a bias in favor of The Seed and raised questions concerning its objectivity. Dr. Katon answered each question fully and stated that these were the true findings of the review.

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D. A review should be conducted covering the make-up and authority of the Regional Councils and the qualifications and supervision of Regional Coordinators and State Office personnel.

These findings were presented by Dr. Richard Katon, President of ACE at the recent meeting of the subcommittee. Some members of the subcommittee felt that the report showed a bias in favor of The Seed and raised questions concerning its objectivity. Dr. Katon answered each question fully and stated that these were the true findings of the review.

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August 26, 1974

Mr. David Ryan
2115 Okalossa Street
Tampa, Florida 33604

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Your recent letter to Governor Askew concerning the Seed program has been referred to me for reply.

As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of the report which a subcommittee of the State Drug Abuse Advisory Council made at the Governor's request. This report includes a review of the State licensing procedures and standards, as well as a review of Seed, Inc. I am not aware of any formal psychiatric studies into possible side-effects of this program.

Under Chapter 397, Florida Statutes, the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Drug Abuse Program licenses all Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs in the State.

I am not familiar with Mr. Barker's educational background, but I feel sure he would be happy to provide you with any further information you desire.

It is my hope that this information will prove helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Armstrong
Administrative Assistant

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Enclosure

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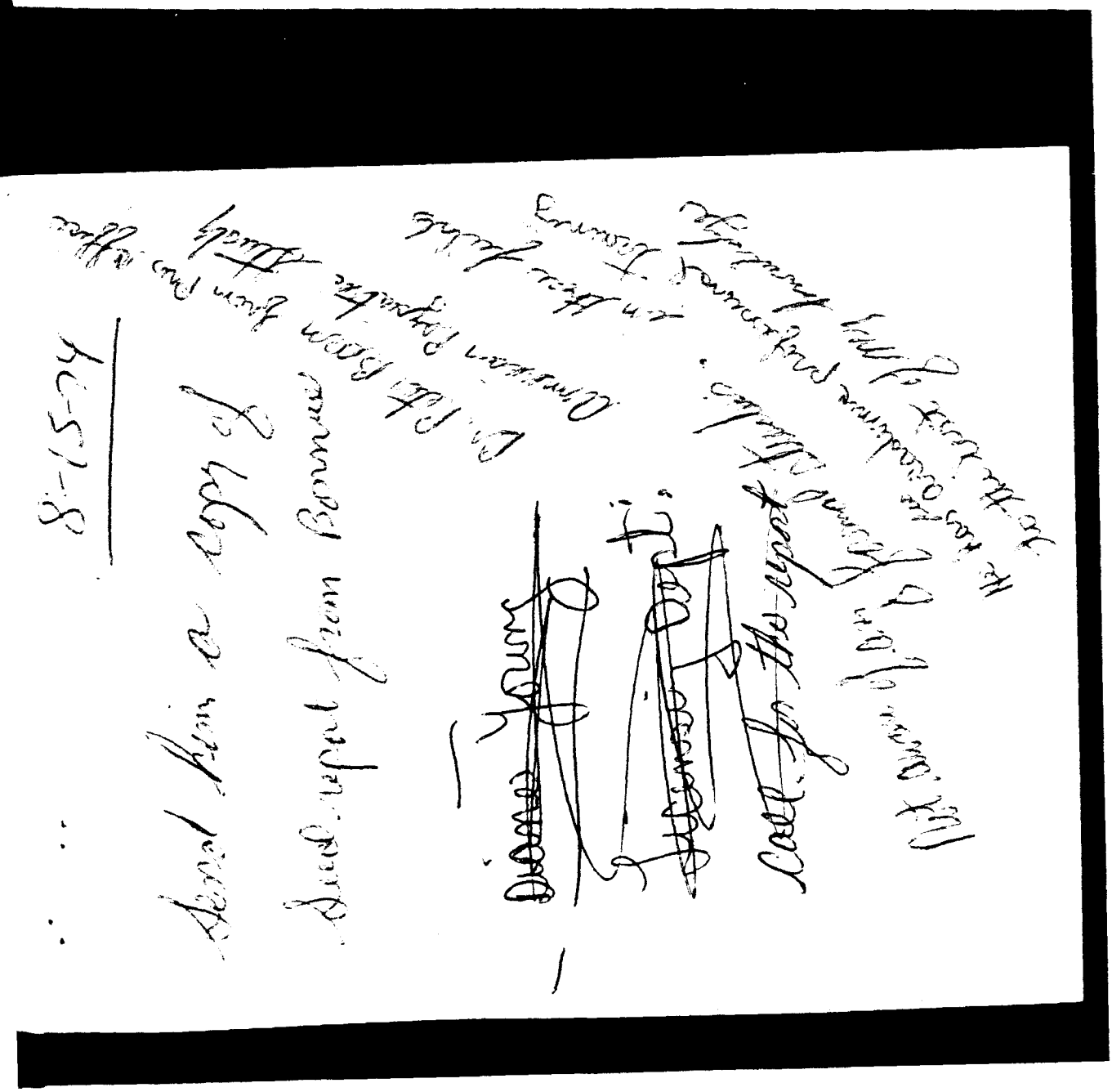

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Reuben D' Askew
Office of the Governor
The Capitol

Dear Sir,

Recently the Sub-Committee of the Florida State Drug Abuse Advisory Council finished thier study of the Seed. If this report is public domain could you tell me how I might obtain a copy.

My own observations of graduates of the Seed leave me with doubts as to the merit of the program. The rehabilitation techniques used by Mr. Barker seem to intense for an adolescent.

If it is not included in the report could you tell me if there has ever been a psychiatric study to look for possible side-effects to the program. Also, does Mr. Barker have any training in psychology or rehabilitation or any related field.

Could you also tell me which state and federal statutes regulate such an organization as the Seed.

Thank you for any help you can give me.

Sincerely yours,

David Ryan

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