

Miami Council

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Dr. Antonio Lacey
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Dear Dr. Lacey:

Counselor interviewed [redacted] ⁶ today.

Previous to his coming here, counselor talked to the Council for the Blind as there was nothing we could do for him and actually it was contrary to our regulations to accept him since the medical report indicated that he was industrially blind. The Council for the Blind stated that if he could speak English they would attempt to work with him; but, of course, with his glaucoma, it would be difficult for him to study.

At the end of the interview, [redacted] ⁶ indicated that because of his general debilitated condition, he did not actually wish to get into any training program or actually get into any work situation as he had just about enough strength to sit up. Of course, glaucoma is pretty generally considered to be progressive in nature and everything concerned and mentioned above leaves this counselor with the impression that this individual will be a liability on some one for the rest of his life and is not employable.

Therefore, of course, he is not being accepted into this rehabilitation program. It would be this counselor's recommendation that if it were possible, that he be dropped from the CFC program and put on the Cuban Refugee program. This recommendation is in view of the fact that this will be a long indefinite welfare case and it is likely that the Cuban Refugee general program will be going on long after the CFC is closed and very likely, even when the Cuban Refugee program is closed, they would continue on the State Welfare. Of course, I am in no position to know whether this is legally possible.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon D. Smith, Counselor
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