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Dr. Lorin A. Thompson
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

It was good to converse with you today. Your vision and guidance, coupled with the long hours of intelligent effort contributed by Nancy Crippen, has produced a survey of need as well as an ad hoc committee of student and faculty parents for child care at George Mason College. Completion of the survey of current need is facilitated today by the provision of the College's bulk rate permit to mail a questionnaire to the nearly 700 married students.

To date, the survey has determined that there is an urgent need in the Spring Semester for care of 50 children of students and faculty totaling 644 hours per week. (In addition, early indications of need for summer care are for 35 and for Fall 1971, 44 children.) Few indicate incapability to afford more than 50¢ per hour; over half indicate willingness to pay \$1.00 per hour, which averages approximately 85¢ per hour. The modal category is comprised of the full time student/teacher/parent with one child and the part time student/teacher/parent with more than one child. The completed survey will in all probability show the same pattern with at least as many more parents who need care for their children and will use this service at George Mason College. Their comments are impressive. (See attached sampling of student and faculty comments.)

To accomodate this student and faculty need by February 15th it is necessary during the next 10 days to work out a service contract between George Mason College and Hourly Child Care, Inc.

Hourly Child Care, Inc. to provide specially designed, attractive trailers, insurance, occupancy permits, staff and management on a sliding fee scale to student and faculty users ranging from a \$1.00/hour to 85¢/hour to 70¢/hour, depending upon the total number of child care hours per week reserved for the semester by the parents.

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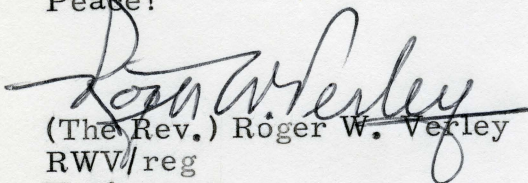
George Mason College to provide utilities hook-up, daily cleaning of the trailers (1104 sq. ft.) and communication to students and faculty through regular registration procedures and other existing channels.

In view of the urgency of this need, we look forward to meetings within the next few days with you and the College's attorney and with you and the engineering/maintenance department.

On the subject of the public press which I mentioned to you, a reporter from the Virginia Sentinal contacted Nancy Crippen for a story. She said it was premature. We cautioned her by affirming G.M.C. policy as we understand it, that all public communication should be coordinated and emanate from your office. We expect to continue to practice in accordance with this understanding unless you advise otherwise.

We look forward to providing together this professional service of high value to the students, faculty and public of Northern Virginia.

Pease!


(The Rev.) Roger W. Verley
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