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Dear Mr. Wiggins--

These news stories speak for themselves, but I will follow up in a few hours with some more personal comments.

Note Reagan's intransigence: there is much more than budget-saving implied in his policy.

Lowry has not been highly regarded in the past.

Pressure on the university in recent months has doubtless put the scare into some quarters about speaking up.

Note Royce Brier's report on 'muzzling'.

Main complaint is not even so much the fact of the cutback, as the 'shooting-from-the-hip' style in which it is being done. This is the the antinomy of statesmanship. If the occasion were taken for a comprehensive survey of State needs for mental health in light of current facts, we could have the basis of a wise policy, and thus turn sour milk into Swiss cheese.



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