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Dear Dr. Thomas:

I have the impression, supported by unsolicited comments of several Deputy Sheriffs in Los Angeles, that closure of the State Hospitals is causing erstwhile patients to find their way into the jails. Psychiatrists from other parts of the country with whom I discussed this concern did not think conditions were parallel in their areas. It would be interesting and important to know if this is a local, statewide or national situation.

Sincerely,

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