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Dept. of Ag. Release

"The Department of Agriculture regrets that the medical problems of an employee have been made into a political controversy. The employee, Miss Mary K. Jones, was taken to the D.C. General Hospital on April 25 on the advice of two physicians. One was her own personal physician and the other was the Department's doctor. The Department's doctor accompanied her to the hospital. The Department's doctor acted only after consulting with her ~~peren-~~ personal physician and only on his instructions. The psychotic staff of the D.C. General concurred that she needed immediate hospitalization. She was under the care of psychiatric staff of D.C. General Hospital until she was released in the custody of her-~~fa~~family with the understanding that she would receive further treatment. In view of the woman's condition the Department does not feel that it should discuss the case and makes this statement only after Senator Williams chose to make an issue of the case. The woman ~~is~~ now in the hands of her personal physician, Harold Heiges, M.D."

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