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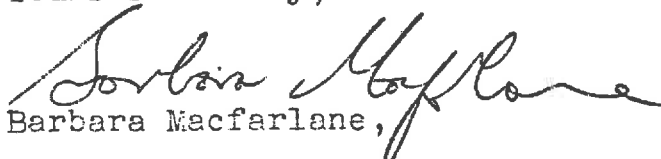
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Dear Director,

The Committee of this Association has asked me to write to you in relation to the grant of \$30,000 to the Community Health Department of Tauranga Hospital, to study the causes of mental illness among women in two communities. We have quite a lot of contact with Ms Calvert and have found her a dedicated and extremely capable researcher, speaker and teacher. Her interest in women, birth, mental illness and other matters is well known and we would suggest that the Foundation should transfer the grant to another agency thus allowing Ms Calvert to carry out her proposed research, which we feel has considerable merit.

I am sure that the Foundation is not going to be dictated to by Dr J. Radcliffe who has withdrawn the Community Health Department's support as a result of pressure from males who are not interested either in womens health issues or women capably carrying out research.

Yours sincerely,


Barbara Macfarlane,
Secretary.