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REACTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL WRITTEN REHABILITATION PLAN

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Sirs:

I have to cancel my trip to Phoenix tonight due to a death in the family. If you would permit me, I will give my two cents' worth as a participant in absentia.

As a consumer of VR, I find the IWRP interesting in that it parallels my architectural profession—planning ahead. I have some questions in mind: What about time doing the paperwork—will the counselors have time in dialogue with clients? Are the persons the same as the buildings?

In the view of the above questions, time is a big factor in our lives; therefore, the IWRP paperwork had better not to take so much off counselor's time in effectiveness. If that is not a problem, then we should consider the aspects of the Homo Sapiens.

A human being is far less predictable than a building. That is a difference between the IWRP and the plans + specifications acting as a contract. I can manipulate a building to my design concepts. But do you dare to manipulate a person? Do you expect a person would mechanically respond to things according to your plans?

That brings up some more questions—does IWRP permit a client to know exactly what he wants? If so, that's good. Then I don't know how to respond to the IWRP as a typical VR consumer. I see it mainly as a tool and mandate for VR counselors.

In my own case, I knew exactly what I wanted, only that I needed money and understanding or encouragement. Due to my parents' income level and my deafness, VR was the logical place to go for what I needed in my education. I remember that I never liked writing reports as part of the deal with VR.

I hope that IWRP means better services and far less paperwork. So far I haven't personally seen it in action. Should I become blind or have amputation of my right hand sometime in the future, I would be able to tell you more.