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Communication  
OF  
Chief of Police  
in re

inadequate accommodations  
at Workingmen's Home

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your

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to which was referred the within

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would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that it be placed on file

CHAIRMAN

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# The City of Seattle

Washington

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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Nov. 5, 1914.

Honorable Mayor & City Council,  
City of Seattle.

Gentlemen:-

--- Re Workingmens' Home---

I beg to call your attention to the following matter:-

I was at the Workingmens' Home today and find forty-five persons there which is its full capacity unless sleepers are allowed to lie on the floor. Many persons applying for shelter there are now of course refused admission.

It appears that a better and younger class are now applying for this sort of relief as compared with last year and former years. Many of those applying are well dressed, young and able bodied persons who are without work and no prospect of getting any.

Something ought to be done to enlarge the accommodations there. The building of a new addition to accommodate forty or fifty or more persons would cost about \$400.00. The capacity of the present building might be increased by adding a third tier of bunks. This would provide for about sixteen more persons, and if persons were allowed to sleep on the floor in one of the rooms about sixteen or eighteen or twenty might be cared for in this way.

While at this place I went across to the Pest-house and went all through it, on a suggestion that this building might be used during the winter for the accommodation of stranded persons. It is now vacant. This building could be made to accommodate probably as high as two hundred persons. The place, I am told, has been thoroughly fumigated and is now perfectly safe for any one to be in any part of it. Moreover, quite a large portion of it has never been used for pest-house purposes and therefore is entirely free from that objection, but anyway the place is entirely fumigated and is, as I have said, free from danger to any one.

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I beg, therefore, to submit to your honorable body the suggestion whether this building may not be used this winter for the above purpose and thus save a lot of money instead of having it torn down at once, as I understand is the intention.

In any event something ought to be done to enlarge the capacity of the Workingmens' Home.

I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*Austin E. Griffiths*  
Chief of Police.

GGE.

*P.S.  
Nov. 6, 1914*

*6 persons slept in the room  
last night. a.r.g.*