



# Letter from Ellsworth Kelley's mother December 7, 1926

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Portland Oregon

Dec 7, 1926

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Warden State Institution

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in so far as you could be and in the strength of that I ask you – I beg of you see that Ellsworth gets the examination at once and let me know if you will and did.

I am thanking you in advance and shall eagerly watch for the postman for a word from you

Truly

Mrs Estella B Kelley

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