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HOUSTON, TEXAS

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HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL

H. E. Lee, M.D.,
406 Odd Fellows Temple,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

On my return from a short trip I find your letter of July 14th acknowledged by my office on July 15th. While, as you know, I do not undertake any official activities in connection with the Hospital, I am, of course, deeply interested in its continuing success.

I have always heard of you as one of the sound and loyal members of the faculty who serve that institution, for which I feel that you are to be highly commended.

I have heard some of the rumors which you mention. Existing conditions at the Hospital, as far as I know, result from the long economic depression.

Meantime, as I understand it, the Advisory Committee are now and have been for some time quite active in negotiations with the City and County officials looking to having all City and County colored patients assigned to the Negro Hospital; and while I am not advised as to just how the negotiations stand at this time, I have reason to believe that so far as the City and County officials are concerned, the matter is being considered sympathetically.

Accordingly, my suggestion would be that after conferring with Dr. Slaughter, you, in your own way, approach Mayor Holcombe and Judge Ward, and County Health Officer Page, advocating that this arrangement be made, an arrangement that, as I understand it, would have the effect of deferring the building of the new Jefferson Davis Hospital for the time being, thus allowing the funds required for this purpose to be used on other much needed projects.

I am leaving for a short trip Friday morning and will be available again by or before the middle of next week. If meantime anything further has developed, ring my office and engagement will be made to see you.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) J. S. CULLINAN

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Dr. JWS
Mayor Holcombe
Judge Ward
Nurse Bright