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HOUSTON, TEXAS

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(Bld) CITY-COUNTY HOSPITAL

Hon. Oscar Holcombe, Mayor,
City Hall,
Houston, Texas.

Judge W. H. Ward, County Judge,
Court House,
Houston, Texas.

Gentlemen:

After reading the article published in the Houston Press of the 8th reporting a meeting of the County Commissioners Court at which Commissioner Massey indicated serious opposition to the building of a City-County Hospital except under certain conditions which he named, I am of the opinion that there is considerable force to the argument and justification for the position that Commissioner Massey has assumed.

The fact is that since investigating our hospital situation several years ago, an investigation resulting in the construction of the Negro Hospital; further, visualizing as I do a City and County population exceeding 500,000 by or before 1940, and double that number by 1950, coupled with the importance our Port has assumed, and with the completion of the Intracoastal Canal this year, will continue to assume, I am very definitely of the opinion that before action is taken the whole subject of hospitalization, public and private, should be investigated and reported on with recommendations by some absolutely authoritative source outside of Houston and Harris County; possibly a committee composed of one member of the National Health Service, another from the Rockefeller Foundation or the Rosenwald Foundation, or both, one from the American Medical Society, and one from our State Health Department, if such can be arranged.

All predicated on the thought that with Texas as first of our States in exports; our Port sixth among the hundred or more of the United States, and third in exports, hospitalization under all known trade standards becomes a national and international problem rather than a local one, and from

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now on that principle should be kept in mind and all governed accordingly.

With 30 miles or more of Port and Industrial development, the unit system which I understand Mr. Massey is advocating, seems sound and desirable.

Very respectfully yours,

(Sgd) J. S. CULLINAN

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