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HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL  
Ceremonies June 19th

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Dear Sir:-

I assume that you have seen Tiffany & Company's letter reporting that the tablet would be shipped on June 15th. It has occurred to me that perhaps Mr. Peddy should have a copy of this inscription in advance.

I assume that Mr. Sullivan will keep in touch with Superintendent Brock, looking to clearing the grounds; further that sand or sawdust or both will be used on the bare ground near the building to protect against rain; further that flags will be secured, which in addition to the American Flag should include Texas and Houston. I believe we have one of the latter at our residence.

A point that has occurred to me as demanding advance attention is that with a negro population of 40,000 or more in Houston, and assuming that some advance publicity will apply through the newspapers, the number of people who may attend will be difficult to forecast. To avoid the possibility of mishaps, provisions and precautions should be taken; accordingly, I suggest that arrangements be made with Chief Goodson to have both the grounds and each floor policed; further that a temporary railing be provided on the steps between each floor that persons passing from one floor to another may be required to keep to the right of such railing, possibly further requiring that they enter the building at the front and pass out at the rear.

I am not advised as to the condition of the floors, that is whether they would be likely to be injured by the crowd or in case of rain or mud. This feature should have consideration and may require that felting or paper be used to cover the floors in whole or in part.

In making the above suggestions, I am assuming that the building will be completed and accepted prior to June 19th; if not, an appropriate agreement with the contractor should be entered into in regard to using the building for opening ceremonies.

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As I believe you know, Mayor Holcombe on the eve of my leaving reiterated his assurance that the street from Dowling to and beyond the hospital would be graded and paved well in advance of June 19th, adding the last time I talked with him that he would see to this and we need give it no further concern; this for your information and guidance. However, if the work has not been started by the time this reaches you, I think it would be well to get in touch with Commissioner Davidson, who I am sure on request from Craig, you or myself will see to it that it has timely attention.

You will, of course, not overlook the importance of having drinking water available, and if the city connection has not been made and drinking fountains provided, this feature should be otherwise taken care of.

I assume that all of the above will be looked after by your Advisory Committee and in communicating with you, I am doing so with the idea that you will impart these and such other suggestions as you have to make in your own way without mentioning that they have come from me.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) J. S. Cullinan

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