

November 28th, 1928.

Judge W. W. Moore,  
Petroleum Bldg.,  
Houston, Texas.

*Houston Negro Hospital  
Management*

Dear Sir:

When in your office yesterday I saw a printed document entitled "Houston Negro Hospital. Constitution and By-laws of the Surgical and Medical Staff".

I wish to note that yesterday was the first occasion on which I have seen this document, or have known of its existence.

I wish further to say that it is quite within the province of the staff of any hospital to organize and adopt regulations for the conduct of its own affairs. But it is most certainly not within the province of a staff to define in such document the procedure of the hospital itself. Specifically, membership on the Staff of the Houston Negro Hospital is determined in the document mentioned, whereas, in any hospital membership on the staff is a matter of appointment by the governing authority.

Moreover, admission of cases, control of operations and all activities and policies lying outside the actual medical care of patients is no part of the function of a staff. Any such regulations pertaining to the conduct of the hospital lie within the jurisdiction of the governing Board, and in this particular case can acquire validity only by approval of the Advisory Committee.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Slaughter.

cc - Mr. J. S. Cullinan  
C. H. McGruder.