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HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL

Mr. J. S. Cullinan
Building

Dear Sir:

On yesterday, July 13, 1934, the Advisory Committee of the Houston Negro Hospital met in a special meeting at the Nurses' Home with nine of the thirteen members present. In addition to the members, Mr. H. O. Clarke, Jr., Chairman of the Community Chest Trustees, and Mr. James Anderson (of the Humble Company), another of the Trustees, met with the Committee, went with them on a joint inspection of the hospital and nurses' building, and participated in some of the discussions.

After general discussion of the financial and political situation confronting the hospital, a resolution was unanimously adopted by the Committee, addressed to the attention of City and County officials. It was the opinion of the Committee that this resolution should be placed in the hands of the officials and copies given to the press promptly. It is expected that a sub-committee will interview these officials next week on the items set forth in the resolution. I expect to be present to develop the points mentioned in your letter to me of July 5th. I en-

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close herewith copy of the resolution adopted and of my letter of transmittal thereof to the Mayor and City Commissioners and County Judge and County Commissioners, and to the Editors of the Post, Chronicle, and Press.

As a matter of further information, it was developed that Mrs. W. R. Styron, who was elected to the Advisory Committee and appointed Chairman of a special committee at the June 23rd meeting, has been proceeding with some substantial work in behalf of the hospital. She and her Committee are reorganizing the membership card feature and are actively at work now on procuring the establishment of a child clinic and other patients with a view of reopening the Nurses' School. She has clearly in mind that while the lead in these matters will be taken by white members of the Committee at the present, the assistance of the negroes will be enlisted as rapidly as capable ones can be located, with a view of putting this work directly and completely into their hands as soon as may be feasible. She has a deep interest in the work, and I believe that she also has an intelligent grasp and comprehension of the purposes of this hospital. Mr. Anderson informed me that he had worked with her on public matters before and felt like saying that he could guarantee results from any such project that she undertook.

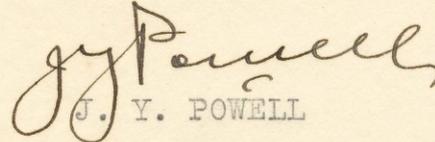
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It is my personal opinion that the Committee as a whole has the best grasp of the situation, and is more energetically pursuing a definite aim and course than at any time since I have been associated with the Committee.

I shall advise you further concerning the outcome of the meetings with the City and County officials.

Very truly yours,


J. Y. POWELL

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