

MEMORANDUM

Houston, Texas,
May 16, 1929.

HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL

Judge W. W. Moore,
Building.

Dr. Peter Gray Sears called on me yesterday evening at Shadyside. He stated that he had made the appointment to talk with me at the request of Sister M. Sebastian, Mother Superior (who with Rev. C. F. Schappert requested an appointment yesterday); that in talking with Sister Sebastian recently she stated they desired to add a wing to St. Joseph's Hospital to take care of negro patients.

Dr. Sears stated that he had raised the question about why such should not be assigned to the Houston Negro Hospital. The Mother Superior answered that the ambulance and emergency cases continued to be sent to St. Joseph's; that they had no special quarters for taking care of negroes and later assigned them to the Jefferson Davis or Houston Negro Hospitals; that they desired to provide quarters where the negroes could be taken care of; finally the Mother Superior was of the opinion that if Dr. Sears would talk to me I might be interested in providing the money to build this wing.

Without assuming to state my position in regard to the latter suggestion, it seems to me that the question having been raised, makes it necessary to determine policy for hospitalization of the negroes of Houston. It would certainly seem that one, or at most, two such units would be sufficient to meet all needs.

In talking with you recently I gathered that you were decidedly of the same opinion, that you had in mind discussing the question with Mr. Strauss, that if Mr. Strauss shared in this view, engagement would be made to further discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Houston and Harris County Committee (who I believe is Dr. Hutcheson) with a view to arriving at some definite understanding as to what should or could be done to best meet the needs of the situation.

I have stated to Dr. Sears that after conferring with you as Chairman of the White Advisory Committee and developing through you or direct what was to be done about taking care of negro patients at the Jefferson Davis Hospital, I would make a further appointment with him within the next week. Accordingly, I will be glad to have you advise me at your early convenience.

J. S. CULLINAN

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cc-Dr. J. W. Slaughter

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