

J. S. CULLINAN
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL

Dr. Peter Gray Sears,
4613 San Jacinto Street,
Houston, Texas.

My dear Dr. Sears:

Following our conversation when you called at Shadyside I undertook to develop the position and future policy of the Jefferson Davis Hospital as applied to the negro.

My information is that the Jefferson Davis Hospital status is so chaotic it will probably take several weeks for the committee who have been appointed to get to the bottom of it, that meantime of course they will be in no position to make definite recommendations regarding its future as applied to the negro or to anything else.

From such statistics and information as had been submitted to me prior to the erection of the Houston Negro Hospital, the consideration and adoption of a plan for its maintenance and the experience during the period of its operation, I have reached the quite definite conclusion that there is room for two negro hospital units in Houston and no more at this time or for several years to come.

Hence, as I see it, it is essential that before entering into the other question you mentioned that we come to clear understanding as to what is proposed to be done in taking care of the negro at the Jefferson Davis Hospital. Accordingly, as I further see it, there would be nothing gained in you and I making the appointment you suggested until this information has been obtained. Hence, unless I hear from you with further suggestion I will assume it will be deferred indefinitely with the understanding that as soon as we are advised about the future policy of the Jefferson Davis Hospital as applied to the negro, either Judge Moore or myself will let you know promptly, in order that the other feature may be followed up along such lines as may then be determined.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) J. S. CULLINAN

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cc-Dr. J. W. Slaughter
Judge W. W. Moore
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