

March 7th, 1931.

HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL

Dr. Michael Davis,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
925 South Homan Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Davis:

I am sending under separate cover blue print of the new School of Nursing of the Houston Negro Hospital, the cornerstone of which will be laid tomorrow afternoon.

The hospital is in an economically sound position, having installed and paid for, within the last year, X-ray and laboratory equipment. While there has been some decline in industrial patients during the winter, the proportion of private patients is on the increase.

The new building is another gift to Mr. J. S. Cullinan and will cost approximately Fifty Thousand Dollars. Our difficulty is with the equipment which is not provided in the gift except for plumbing and heating. I have organized and carried through four campaigns this winter, ending with that for the Red Cross quota, and do not believe it possible to raise any more money immediately from our people. I am therefore wondering if your Foundation would not consider helping us with the equipment. As the maintenance of the school has to be budgeted, it would hardly do to put the hospital under a heavy debt for borrowed money.

I am always hoping that something will bring you to this part of the country. There is an opportunity to develop a modern health center in this city, but I am almost alone in educating our people to the plan.

Yours sincerely,

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J. W. Slaughter

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