

American Medical
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Dr. F.J. L. Blasingame,
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American Medical Association
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Doctor Blasingame:

This is a letter to ask if you would let me know at your very earliest convenience, since I have not had this information earlier, what officers or representatives of the American Medical Association will be present as our guest at the NMA meeting Sunday, August 6, 12 noon, at the Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago.

I hope that there will be at least three or four, including President Hudson, more if you desire. We would like also to have a statement on the progress of the special committees, especially with reference to whether they have sent any memoranda to local society officers with reference to voluntary cooperation in eliminating segregation and helping qualified Negro doctors to follow their patients into the larger hospitals. We would also like to know whether any appointments were made to committees or councils of Negro doctors who are members of the NMA and AMA, taken from the list which was submitted to you. Thirdly, may we have your suggestions as to an agenda for let's say "a wild period" following the luncheon.

It is my feeling that we should simply assess what we think we have gained during the year, and I hope we will be able to point out some activities of the special committee of your Trustee Board and that some action may have been made with reference to appointments to AMA committees and councils, and that we should decide to continue our meetings and perhaps when the next one should take place. The time, of course, is short now and I think we all appreciate what a rough year medicine has had during the last 12 months -- and this is bound to effect schedules.

With sincerest regards, I am expecting to see you during our convention at the Pick-Congress Hotel.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Dr. Charles Hudson, President
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