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Dear Emery,

If it were not so expensive I would telephone you instead of this letter because there are many things which I would like to discuss.

First, let me congratulate you on having a very good session and doing a very good job as Speaker of the House at the Cincinnati session. I think that the House expressed itself forthrightly and independently and showed that it was not controlled by any power group or individuals. I am gratified for the encouragement it gave me in accepting I would say 80% of my recommendations. This required some strategy after almost complete repudiation by a hide-bound Trustee Board. But since the House of Delegates elects the Trustees and is really the representative legislative group, I don't have to tell you that I feel that my mandate for action during this year has been clearly outlined. I want to complement you for having presided in a manner which was skillful and gave the men opportunities to express their views, with no evidence of attempting to slant the advantage toward any group or interest, as far as I could see (smile).

I have just written a letter to Army, after a talk with Ed Cooper, chairman of the Recruitment Council. I have proposed, and Ed thinks that it is a good idea, to have a national conference and workshop on recruitment in medical careers to be held in Chicago at the time of the Trustee Board in February, such as we had in '64 and with some modifications in '65. I would want Ed and his Council to run this completely, with the cooperation of Andrew Thomas, a member of the Council who lives in Chicago. It could have overtones of a national conference because many of the official family would be here, including the women's auxiliary. It would be an example of the local application of recruitment to complement the national programs which Cooper and his group have already set up outlines for.

I am going to send out a call very shortly for a meeting of the Committee on Membership Recruitment and Orientation in Chicago for a luncheon meeting, which I think will be the 17th of October, at a time when the American Public Health Associ-

ation is having a four-day convention. You will recall that Ice was named chairman of this committee. Will write more about this later.

I have written to C.A.P. Brown with copies to all the members of his committee on budget, sending them a copy of my requested budget for the committees which were approved by the House, but which they did not have time to complete considerations for during the waning hours of the session. I believe there was provision for this committee to complete its actions unassembled at an early date. I certainly hope so because I would like to see these committees get moving. You are on the Liaison Committee and the Advisory Committee on Legislation. Moneys need to be provided as soon as possible so that I can call for action in these areas in the not too distant future.

I hope you saw the Medical Tribune of August 25. I think that this was a better assessment of what we accomplished at the convention than we could have officially arrived at, because there was no opportunity for a "fifth quarter." Let me know what you think of it.

Hope you have recuperated completely from the convention and that you are in the very best spirits, mental and physical states.

I spent a week at Fox Lake in Angola, Indiana in route home and saw an old friend and acquaintance - Mrs. Ruth Simpkins Weaver - whom I knew at Wilberforce and who mentioned that you taught with her and her husband.

Sincerest regards and best wishes,

Leonidas

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