

October 7, 1965

Mr. Wilbur Cohen,
Undersecretary
Health, Education & Welfare
HEW Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

It was certainly a pleasure to be received by you in the recent conference involving members of my Advisory Committee on Legislation of the National Medical Association. It was a very pleasant and helpful meeting and I hope that some suggestions came from our group. Mr. Quigley and Dr. Stewart were also very cordial and I look forward to helpful relationships for the rest of my administration in the NMA.

I am including herewith an abstract of my personal curriculum vitae so that we might be better acquainted.

I would appreciate it in the interest of trying to do my job as president and proper continuity of NMA affairs if you will give me the opportunity to name members of our State Societies in advisory positions which have not been processed. Also, the names of the positions to be filled.

There were one or two suggestions which came out of our conference which I hope you will find time to follow through on: 1) Your letter to indicate that the NMA President and members of his Advisory Committee on Legislation suggested that a pamphlet be sent regarding the physician and the new Social Security Amendment. I will get you a roster of our membership. 2) Mr. Quigley felt that our suggestion that hospitals be required or requested to put a statement prominently placed, quoting the civil-rights law in hospital admitting rooms, was a good one.

Finally I wish to thank you very, very much for suggesting my name for the Presidential dinner. It was one of the great experiences of my life, and you made it possible. It was a great pleasure to meet you and I look forward to seeing you again and cooperating with you in every way.

Very truly yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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