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Dear Doctor Berry:

I appreciate the "thank you note" of July 6. I am sorry I was unable to spend more time with you at the AMA meeting in Chicago, but I hope you understand that even as the outgoing president my time was rather limited.

I certainly will continue what ever influence I might have toward continuing the relationship between the AMA and NMA that seemed to be progressing, perhaps a little slowly during the past year. I am quite sure that Doctor Hudson feels the same as I do in this respect. However, he will have to speak for himself.

In as much as I doubt that I am a member of the AMA and NMA Liaison Committee it is not in my plans to attend the meeting at the Pick-Congress Hotel on Sunday, August 7. However, if requested by AMA I will be happy to do so.

I believe there was a slight typographical error in your request Number 3, where you used the terms NMA members are largely in control. I suspect you mean AMA members are largely in control. I am sure what ever committee is appointed to do this job will be very assiduous in their efforts to correct situations where they find they need corrections.

I should think that the NMA should be pretty well satisfied with the action of the AMA in relation to civil rights. As you know I have pointed out repeatedly that the problem for any action by the AMA has been due to the lack of authority to move in to the local area. The

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House of Delegates certainly in very plain language instructed the Judicial Council and the Council on Constitution and Bylaws to prepare a proper amendment to the Constitution which will permit the Judicial Council to assume original jurisdiction on appeals where segregation has been demonstrated. Personally, I think this is better than the plan outlined by the Medical Commission on Human Relations. I have always been resentful since my grade school days of punishing the whole school room because one boy threw a spit ball at the teacher. Therefore, I think the Commission of the Judicial Council to investigate and take under judicial consideration, specific cases of segregation, is a much better approach.

Sincerely yours,

  
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cc: Charles L. Hudson, M.D.