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Dr. J. B. Ellison
195½ Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Doctor Ellison:

Congratulations on carrying the ball with reference to the Regional Medical Programs against heart disease, cancer, stroke and related disorders.

You have more representatives from our group than any other state that I can recall, and I am sure it is due to the activities of you men there and, perhaps, through some of my activities in the National Council, particularly with reference to dialogue which was possible with Dr. Willis Hurst, who is also on our council.

May I suggest that the four local doctors representing your society appoint an advisory group from the Negro community including educators, social workers, nurses, other paramedical personnel and, perhaps, doctors from other parts of the state. I suggest that you get a copy of Public Law 89-239, which is the heart disease, cancer and stroke law, from Dr. Robert Marston, Division, Regional Medical Programs, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Ask also for a copy of the guidelines for implementation of this law.

Call a meeting of the subadvisory group, read the documents recommended and figure out a program of your own for Atlanta and perhaps other cities. Certainly, to begin with, a program should be set up for Atlanta; and this should be taken to the director of the project in that area. Remember, they have a planning grant; they therefore have funds which perhaps you could involve in promoting an aspect of this program devised by your members and advisory associates.

Dr. Hurst has taked a great deal about continuing education. You have the opportunity to insist that this continuing education be "flesh and blood" programs with Negro doctors being involved from their communities to the health centers of Emery.

If I can be of further help at anytime, do not hesitate

to let me know. My very best regards to all the members
of your committee and to Dr. "Patrick Henry" Bell.

Sincerest regards and best wishes,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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Dr. Jasper Williams