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Dear Beri-Beri:

You mentioned the "white house" in your last letter and of late it appears that the white ranch house on the LBJ ranch is the primary residence of the President. Incidentally, he was here Sunday on a "political" mission - so the newspapers stated - to greet a large gathering of our citizens of Spanish-American origin.

The AMA posture to Medicare seems to be one of "treat the patient as usual" despite all of the fussing and feuding that went on before the legislation was passed by the Congress. I certainly have no socialistic leaning but foresee no critical threat to private practice as long as we have a viable economy.

San Antonio is about two hundred miles from Houston - not quite as far as you were prepared to believe. Houston has become an industrial center (with a beginning smog problem) whereas San Antonio is a trading center deriving a hell of a lot of its income from a host of large military bases on its periphery. It is 16th ranking city based on census. I'm in Houston quite often and possibly could arrange to be there when you are. We have a branch of SwRI there and I go to the Manned Space Flight Center, too.

Dr. Bing Blasingame wrote that he had thrown my name in some kind of an AMA hopper and it will interest me to see what happens, if anything. I imagine you are wooed by the AMA because NMA is large enough to have influence.

Kindest regards,


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