Dr. James Z. Appel 305 North Duke Street Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602

Dear Doctor Appel:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 10. I consider it a very great honor to be invited as a guest of the American Medical Association, and I will attend as many of these meetings as possible. I particularly will be able to attend the Sunday luncheon with the Board of Trustees and the early Sunday morning meeting, as well as the 3:00 p.m. opening ceremonies, the 7:00 p.m. affair on Monday and, of course, Dr. Hudson's inauguration and the president's reception.

I had already planned to attend as many of the general meetings as possible. In fact, I am on the registration committee, which I can adjust to the invitation which you have sent.

I am working on these liaison matters with Dr. Blasingame, which I hope can be brought out to the House of Delegates during the convention. I hope that the new committee, appointed by the Trustees to do something very definitely in the matter of further removal of discrimination in hospitals and medical societies, will have had a chance to act before the convention, even though the time is short. I hope, as a matter of fact, they have already started something in this area. It would seem especially useful and appropriate to have something to report as far as this new committee is concerned at the time when the four or five delegations bring up their proposal with reference to discriminations which you know about.

I am leaving Chicago tomorrow and will not be back until the 23rd. Meanwhile, I may see you in Washington. Between the 23rd and the 26th there is not much time, but

if you wish to call me please feel free to do so. If there should seem to be any reason for calling me, I will be in Bethesda on the 20th and 21st in the meeting of the National Advisory Council on regional medical programs against heart disease, cancer and stroke. The area code there is 301, telephone: 656-4000, Division of Regional Medical Programs, Dr. Robert Marston, Director.

Hoping to see you soon and many thanks again for the invitation, I am

Yours very truly,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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