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Mr. Ely M. Aaron, Chairman
Chicago Commission on Human Relations
211 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Aaron:

I have your letter of some weeks ago, following our telephone conversation.

for I am writing to state that the matter of changing the chairmanship of the Health Committee is done in a manner which does not really extend the courtesy that voluntary workers have a right to expect. The chairman which preceded me was summarily told that he was to be replaced. When I was asked to take the chairmanship, I asked the previous chairman if they gave him notification or gave any reasons ~~for~~ the change -- he said no. I would not have accepted it without receiving from him the statement that, while he did not like the manner of the change, he would continue to work with me.

Now, suddenly and summarily, I am told that there is to be a change. It was slightly anticipating me, as you mentioned in your letter, because of some added duties recently -- particularly that of being president-elect of the NMA. I would like to suggest that the new chairman be told that his term is two years, ^{sp} that the committee be given this information, -- *W* when the two years are up, it ~~is~~ understood before hand that the change is to be made. It seems to me this is not much to ask. *would be*

It has been a very stimulating pleasure for me to work with the Commission for many years, perhaps too many years. The record shows that I began with the Commission in 1947. I had planned to send in my resignation by the end of this year, at the time that I would actually take on the duties of the president of the NMA.

I would like to at this point state that in compliance with your request, I will work with the Health Committee for

the rest of the year, but I would like to ask that I be relieved and that my resignation be accepted effective at the end of 1965.

Very truly yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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