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Subject: SURVEY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL IN DOWNERS GROVE,
ILLINOIS - ACCEPTED MODEL FOR THE NEW PROVIDENT HOSPITAL
AS OF THIS DATE

I drove out to the Good Samaritan Hospital, about 20 minutes on the Eisenhower Expressway, in Downers Grove. The suburb is rather attractive with medium-priced homes, some wide-open spaces and wooded areas. The Hospital is located on a sparsely settled area on the main street in the town. It is a very attractive two-story, spread out structure with uniquely arranged parking lots on all sides and at different grade levels. It is primarily constructed of red pressed brick and it sits back some 200 feet from the street (or road) with the lower level parking area between the street and the main entrance to the Hospital.

I was very much impressed with the group arrangement of bed units surrounding an administrative nursing center. There is a cluster of 12 patient rooms for each nursing unit in the center. There are an equal number of double-bed rooms and single-bed rooms, 12 per nursing unit.

There are adequate and easily accessible laboratory facilities. The rooms are well-lighted with outside sunlight with very unique windows which can be easily cleaned inside and out from inside the rooms.

There were eight or ten doctors from the Provident Hospital staff in the group which toured the building. Afterwards, I had a long talk with the architect who took us around. His name is Mr. Carl Rauchenberger of the Burnham and Hammond architectural firm. From his description, an outpatient facility could easily be arranged for and he agrees with the importance of having facilities also for doctors' offices.

If this plan is adopted, it would include closing off at least one long block on 50th Place and Forrestville Avenue and involving the present structure now known as Martin Luther King Mental Center where staff meetings are now held.

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P.S. - The bed capacity of the present structure is 350. The plan allows for expansion by adding four floors to accommodate a total of 475 to 500 beds.