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Mr. William C. Jones
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NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have your letter of recent date with reference to NMA contributions to the NAACP. Following the receipt of your letter, I asked Mr. Samuel Smith to forward to you a directory of the National Medical Association to help in reaching our membership in order to solicit them for life memberships.

Thank you for sending a copy of the resolution which was passed at the NMA convention in Cincinnati. I hope that the contribution of \$2,000 given in Cincinnati, plus the urging of the membership by officials at that time to take out life membership, was the kind of cooperation that is implied in the resolution as far as the general interpretation of it is concerned. I do not believe that it was understood by officers and members of the association that the NMA would finance a campaign for individual members throughout the United States. My understanding of it is that we should urge the membership to take out the memberships, which we did, and that we would give you the \$2,000 as we have contributed on many other occasions; and that this could be used by you, if desired, to solicit or to followup our urging that the doctors take out such memberships.

I trust that the directory which you will soon receive will serve the purpose discussed in your letter.

With very best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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cc: Dr. W. T. Armstrong
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