

*Discrimination Committee  
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for NMA file*

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Dear Dr. Berry:

Enclosed you will find a memorandum prepared by our office defining the four areas of joint research by the legal staffs of the N.M.A.-A.M.A. which the liaison committee of the N.M.A.-A.M.A. agreed to authorize at the meeting of September 27, 1965.

We believe this matter should be implemented as soon as possible, in view of the fact that it is a prodigious project and it will take some time to come to a joint conclusion.

We further believe that this approach is a halting step forward because it may lead to concrete proposals for implementation by both organizations to eliminate discrimination in membership in County and State Medical Societies as well as hospital staffs.

We did not include the recommendations of the joint committee relative to (1) specific cases of discrimination found by both the A.M.A. and N.M.A. or either of them, and (2) specific names of N.M.A.-A.M.A. members to be included on the various appointive boards of the A.M.A., as legal problems since they have only peripheral legal overtones, and are primarily business decisions.

We are enclosing our statement for services rendered. If you have any questions concerning this statement please feel free to call us.

We appreciate working with you and hope we may be able to work with you in the future.

Very truly yours,

  
John P. Morris

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Enclosures