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Dear Mr. Labassi and Mrs. Arnstien:

I hasten to send this word of commendation on the compliance forms which you have sent around to the hospitals of the country. I happened to have seen one in the hands of an administrator and yesterday I received my copy.

I would like to mention again that a suggested statement, to be posted in a prominent place in easy view stating the requirements of compliance, should be put up in waiting rooms, offices of the admission clerk and other appropriate areas. I strongly feel that this can be an educative tool, especially in certain parts of the country, which will make the "burden" of compliance a little easier. May I mention also that as you train your inspectors, suggest that as they visit hospitals with new wings onto old buildings, if they want to see at a glance the racial distribution in such institutions, just visit the place during visiting hour and do a bit of head counting on the elevators.

Again thank you very much for sending me the copy of the new forms and thanks for your cooperation in all of these matters.

With sincerest regards and best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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