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Dear S. H.

I was very sorry I missed you when you were here for the Conference on Gastroenterology, however, your brother told me you had inquired about me. The situation here at Howard grows worse by the month and I have at long last decided to leave. I really regret I turned down the offer made to me by the Chicago Medical School where I worked in Summer of 1956. I understand Dr. Von Bonin, the Neuroanatomist at Univ. of Illinois is retiring about now or at least this year and so far no successor has been chosen. I think I could qualify for the job on merit, training (M.D. & Ph.D.) plus experience (25 years) and research.

I believe there is no Negro, full professor  
on the Medical faculty at Illinois and  
with the voting power we wield in  
the forthcoming elections — there is  
no reason why we should not get a  
fair chance at any available job,  
so long as we can merit or excel  
the other candidates.

You know the situation as well as  
the personalities who are influential  
and if I could only get my name on  
the list in contention for the job  
am sure I could outqualify the other  
available candidates. We have got to  
make our move for the big job sooner  
or later no why not now. You have  
my permission to use my name in  
this regard as you see fit and I will  
send you any additional data or  
curriculum vitae as you desire but  
we must act fast for the time is at  
hand. I plan to be in Chicago briefly  
later this summer but you may  
write me here. Regards & best wishes.

M. Wharton Young, M.D.