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Mr. Chudy Okoye and
Mr. Asiru Abu-bakare
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Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mr. Okoye & Mr. Abu-bakare:

I received your letter of December 20, 1965. At that time I was just returning from a visit to East and West Africa. Since returning I have been overwhelmed with my busy schedule and have not had the opportunity to write you before now.

In the meantime, I have looked into some possible sources of funds which might help you to get into a medical school. However, I have run into the same problems that you expressed in your letter. I am sure that Dr. Yancey would have offered you help and encouragement financially if such had been possible under the program of the National Medical Association.

It occurred to me that since you state in your letter that it is the policy of your government in Nigeria ~~to~~ ^{to} not give aid for their nationals in foreign countries, I would like to suggest that rather than lose time it might be well for you to consider entering, if possible, the medical school in Lagos or Ibadan and look forward to coming back to America for graduate work in the form of internship and residency. I was very much impressed with these two schools that I recently visited in Nigeria. If you would study hard and make good grades, I feel certain that you could find placement in some of the better hospitals in this country for graduate work.

While I do not wish to give you the impression that you should not study medicine in America, if you can get admitted to a medical school and obtain the finance, I wish to point out simply that my observation on a recent visit indicates that good instruction and facilities are probably attainable at Lagos and Ibadan; and that with graduate work then taken in America you would be, in my opinion, very well prepared for the practice of

medicine. I would like to give you the names of the following professors to whom you may write. First, Dr. Fabian Udekwu, Asst. Prof. of Surgery, Ibadan College of Medicine, Ibadan, Nigeria; second, Dr. Akim Adesola, Assoc. Prof. of Surgery, Lagos University, Lagos, Nigeria.

I hope that you may find these suggestions profitable, and with very best wishes to you, I am

Yours very truly,

Leonidas H. Berry, M.D.

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cc: Dr. A. Yancey

P.S. If we can be of service at a later date, please let us know.