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Mrs. Joel A. Shapiro

141-60 84 Road
Kew Gardens, New York
April 18, 1965

Dear President Johnson,

In January 1964, my father was operated on by Dr. Michael DeBakey. Dr. DeBakey said he performed an experimental operation - designed to give the heart a new supply of blood - my father had a vein removed from his thigh and added to his heart -

At that time my father was told he would never die of a "heart attack" because of this extra supply of blood. After six weeks in Houston, he returned home - for the next thirteen months

DL

March 9, 1964

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
5323 Cherokee Street
Houston, Texas

I am establishing a Presidential Commission composed of distinguished laymen and physicians to recommend steps that can be taken to reduce the disability and death rate from heart disease, cancer and stroke. I hope you will agree to head this commission.

Lyndon B. Johnson

MF/md



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x BALTIMORE COLLEGE OF DENTAL SURGERY
DENTAL SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
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DEPARTMENT OF ORAL PATHOLOGY
LOMBARD AND GREENE STREETS

December 11, 1964

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I was tremendously impressed with the report of the Study Commission of the Three Diseases as reported in the press. I would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of the complete text when it becomes available.

My high regard for Dr. Michael E. DeBakey and my own experience lead me to agree wholeheartedly with the Commission's broad objectives and recommendations for reaching these objectives.

My interest and experience with the diagnosis of cancer of the mouth has led me to the conclusion that many deaths would be prevented through the program outlined by the study group.

I sincerely hope that this program will be put into practice in the near future.

Sincerely,

Martin Lunin
Martin Lunin, D.D.S.
Professor and Head
Department of Pathology

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December 31 1964

Dear Mike:

Many thanks for sending me the clippings.

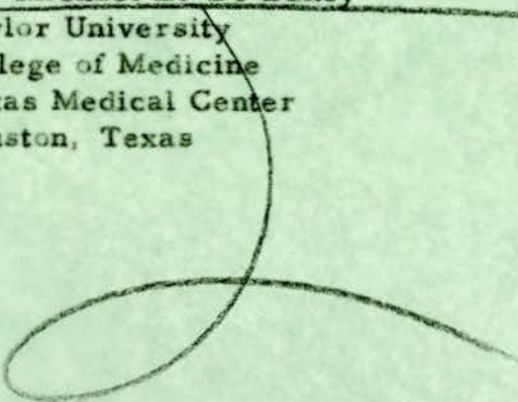
I think the report has been well received and has gotten off to a good start. This is due in great measure to your own dedication and to your own efforts. I appreciate it very much. I know the President is very grateful to you, and I am confident posterity will be forever indebted to your leadership.

Best regards for a healthy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Myer Feldman
Counsel to the President

Dr. Michael E. De Bakey
Baylor University
College of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas



December 2, 1964

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My dear Friend:

Your significant expression of continuing support and confidence in me is deeply appreciated.

As we accept the challenges confronting us during the next four years, it is particularly gratifying to know friends like you join in our efforts to keep America peaceful, prosperous and strong.

My warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
5323 Cherokee Street
Houston 5, Texas

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November 12, 1964

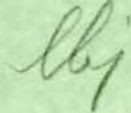
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Dear Dr. DeBakey:

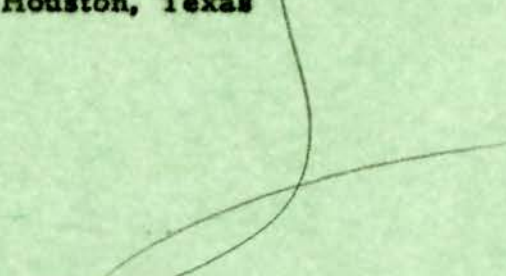
Your warm and generous telegram was both comforting and inspiring to me.

I just wanted you to know how grateful I am for your loyalty and your support. You have been valuable to me and your country in the work you do and are continuing to do.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
1200 Anderson Boulevard
Houston, Texas



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The President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

At the second meeting of The President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke on June 29, serious consideration was given to the problem of research manpower. Since Congressional hearings are now being held regarding changes in the immigration laws, the Commission unanimously passed the enclosed Resolution. Because of the importance the Commission attaches to this problem, this Resolution is being transmitted for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Michael E. DeBakey
Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.
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Memorandum for

Mr. Valenti

Dr. ^{Michael E. x} Burkley called Dr. DeBakey and thanked him for his offer as stated in his telegram. He was told that no special preparations should be made nor are desired and that their Emergency Room would be adequate for any unforeseen circumstances.

Miss Chapowicki
for Dr. Burkley

x Methodist Hospital

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July 16, 1964

Dear Mrs. Loeb:

Your recent letter has been received by the President and read with appreciation. He asked me to thank you for giving him the benefit of your views and comments regarding the appointment of Dr. Michael E. DeBakey.

The President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lawrence F. O'Brien
Special Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Alfred H. ^XLoeb
Wyncote House
Wyncote, Montgomery County,
Pennsylvania

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7/3 July 10, 1964
Wynnote House
Wynnote, Pa.

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

Your appointment of Dr.
Michael E. DeBakey as Chairman
of the Presidential Committee on
Heart Diseases etc. shows your
keen understanding and appreciation
of men of real dedication in
our our country. Perhaps his
patients, because of their debt to
him, can truly testify as to his
skill, gentleness, sense of mission;
in short he is a very great man.

Since he performed vascular
surgery on me last October, I wouldn't
the first few weeks they had I could
come back to Philadelphia - but Dr.
DeBakey asks his patients to keep
in touch with him by letter - so the
feeling of reassurance is not lost.
He answers the letters and things

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go well.

You are proving yourself to be
a dedicated servant of your country
and so we need your continued
guidance in the White House!

I want to congratulate you on
your accomplishments with the
Congress etc. and wish you well.

Most sincerely,

Dorothy Bellemore Lock

Mrs. Alfred H. Lock

White House

Wynnton, Montgomery County
Pa.

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April 17, 1964

Respectfully referred
for the files of the President's
Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer,
and Stroke.

WILLIAM J. HOPKINS
Executive Clerk

Transmitting a copy of the ORDER designating Michael E. DeBa^xkey
as Chairman of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer,
and Stroke - dated 3/31/64.

TMJ

(Sent to Stephen Ackerman, Exec. Dir., c/o Dept. of HEW, Rm. 5623)

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Personally handed to Dr. DeBa^xkey by Myer
Feldman in Fisk Room, White House: 4/17/64

March 30, 1964

Dear Mike:

The President is very much pleased to have your assistance with the work of the Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke.

As you know, he looks upon the Commission as a major instrument for advancing the Nation's health. He expects it to chart a course whereby our full capability in the health sciences can be brought to bear most rapidly and effectively on these three major causes of death and disability.

The President looks forward to meeting with you at the first session of the Commission which will be held at the White House on Friday, April 17, 1964 at 10:00 a.m. The primary subject for consideration at the first meeting will be the organization of the Commission and the determination of its approach to the accomplishment of its mission.

Details concerning the agenda for the meeting and other information related to your participation will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Myer Feldman
Deputy Special Counsel
to the President

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
5323 Cherokee Street
Houston, Texas



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March 10, 1964

Dear Dr. Sampson:

The President has referred to me for reply your letter of March 4th.

We appreciate very much your offer to be of assistance in connection with the Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke. We would very much like to take advantage of that offer.

As you know, Dr. Michael E. DeBakey is Chairman of the Commission. He has not yet planned his program. I will call your letter to his attention and I am sure he will be in touch with you. Your conference in January of 1965 seems to fit very well into the purposes of the Commission.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Myer Feldman
Deputy Special Counsel
to the President

Dr. John J. Sampson, M.D.
President
American Heart Association, Inc.
44 East 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010

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CC: Dr. Michael E. DeBakey w/ Copy of letter Sampson
to Pres. 3/4/64

ACKNOWLEDGED BY CARD.

X **BAYLOR UNIVERSITY**
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS

CORA AND WEBB MADING DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

December 2, 1963

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

In the past few days you have occupied the thoughts of all of us, and I wanted to tell you personally that my prayers are with you as you take on the load of responsibility that these most tragic circumstances have forced you to assume. I am confident that you and your gracious wife will bring dignity, common sense, and luster to the Presidential office, continuing the admirable tradition of our former leaders, and that a purposeful dedication and renewed stability will rise out of the Nation's grief.

My kindest regards and best wishes.

Respectfully,

Michael E. De Bakey
Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

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Miss Juanita Roberts
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Roberts:

Per our telephone conversation of this date, there is enclosed a print of the picture of Dr. DeBakey presenting the report of The President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke to The President. Dr. DeBakey would greatly appreciate it if The President would autograph this picture for him.

With sincere appreciation for your kindness,

Stephen J. Ackerman

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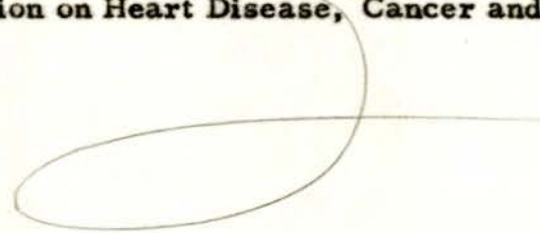
LYNDON B. JOHNSON
Carbon stamped in
Mr. Thomas' office

Photograph inscribed: To Dr. DeBakey with admiration and every good wish
Lyndon B. Johnson

January 19, 1965

TO: George Reedy
FROM: Hobart Taylor, Jr.

Let. to the President 1-13-65 from Jeremiah Stamler, M. D., Director, Division of Adult Health and Aging, Board of Health, City of Chicago, 54 West Hubbard St., Chicago 10, Illinois, requesting 500 copies of the President's Special Message to Congress of January 7th concerning health upon the occasion of a luncheon for Chicago Civic and Professional leaders January 25, 1965, to hear Dr. Michael E. DeBakey report on the work of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke. Invitation attached.



January 13, 1965

Dear Mike:

At long last, here is the picture of the President, suitably inscribed.

I am also enclosing an uncomplimentary picture of myself, which you requested.

Sincerely,

Myer Feldman
Counsel to the President

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Baylor University
College of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas

Enclosure

7x9 colored picture "To Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, with high regards,
Lyndon B. Johnson

February 6, 1965

FOR: Honorable John Macy, Chairman
Civil Service Commission

FROM: Bill Moyers

I understand that the present Surgeon General is planning to enter private life. It is essential that the new Surgeon General give the most active support to the President's health program. Without this support, the PHS could easily be the greatest deterrant to our goals. Dr. Lee comes highly recommended by Dr. DeBakey who did the report on Heart, Cancer and Stroke.

We need to do intensive research on this man.

Attached - Bio and background papers on
Dr. Philip Randolph Lee

GENERAL

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Marschall, W.I.

Marschall, Pat

get him on
the phone
for me - in
right - in
San Angelo

July 2, 1965

Mr. Bill D. Moyers
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dr. DeBaKey

Dear Bill:

My Bill has been in bed since March 1. Our closest friend, an internist and cardiologist, let a simple GU tract infection develop over a period of many weeks into endocarditis. Luckily, in early April we were prodded into coming to Houston for good laboratory facilities by a San Antonio doctor who has become a good friend through my work on the Texas Heart Association Board. Bill is now apparently cured of the endocarditis, but resulting mitral valve damage is probably going to require open-heart surgery.

Actually, my main reason for writing you is the Heart Association and the \$650 million medical bill which has just passed the Senate. Bill, I sincerely believe the President has made a mistake in not seeking nor heeding the advice of the Heart Association regarding the regional centers to fight heart disease, cancer and strokes. The American Heart Association is an efficient, responsive volunteer health organization, and the doctors who lead it are by and large capable, concerned, thinking individuals. AHA and its component parts agree with the objective: better medicine for more people in the area of heart disease.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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CORA AND WEBB MADING DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

MR. PRESIDENT:

Dr. DeBakey recommends
Dr. John Turner as Dr. Berkley's
replacement.

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Air Mail, Special Delivery

Bill Moyers
February 10, 1965

Mr. Bill D. Moyers
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moyers:

In accordance with my promise when I mentioned
this matter to you in Washington, yesterday, I am enclosing
a copy of the curriculum vitae of Dr. John Turner.
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It was a pleasure to be with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Michael E. De Bakey
Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.
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The President has asked me to invite you to witness the signing of the historical Medicare Bill tomorrow, Friday, July 30, at the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. The ceremony is scheduled to take place at 2:30 P.M. Kansas City Time. Please bring this telegram, it will be your admission card into the Truman Library.

Lawrence F. O'Brien,
Special Assistant to the President.

ALWAY, Robert H.,
CRUMP, Edward P., Meharry Medical School
DIXON, James P., Jr., Antioch College
EBERT, Robert, Western Reserve University
ESSELSTYN, Caldwell B., Community Health
Assn.

GELLHORN, Alfred, Presbyterian Hospital
CHERASKY, Martin., Montefiore Hospital
GOODMAN, Morton
CLEMENT, Kenneth W.

JONES, R. Frank., Freedman's Hospital
MISHELL, Daniel R.
MOTT, Frederick D., N.Y. Academy of
Medicine

RICHARDS, Dickinson, Presbyterian Hospital
RUTSTEIN, David, Harvard School of Medicine
SAWARD, Ernest, Bess Kaiser Hospital
Foundation

SAWYER, William A.

SPOCK, Benjamin

TAUSSIG, Helen, Johns Hopkins University
Medical School

YERBY, Alonzo, Medical Care Services

ROGERS, David E., Vanderbilt University
School of Medicine

MEANS, J. Howard, Mass. General Hospital

READER, George G.

TRUSSELL, Ray E.

STANDARD, Sam, Morrisania City Hospital

DeBAKEY, Michael E., Baylor University
College of Medicine

DRAPER, Warren Fales, UMWA Welfare and
Retirement Fund

DUFFY, Benedict, Jr., Georgetown University

HUNTER, Thomas, University of Virginia

KORNBERG, Arthur, Stanford University
School of Medicine

SNOKE, Albert W., Grace-New Haven
Community Hospital

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BAEHR, George, N.Y. State Public Health
Council

LEAR, Walter J.

FURSTENBERG, Frank

SILVER, George A., Montefiore Hospital
SHEPS, Cecil G., Beth Israel Medical
Center

AXELROD, S. J., University of Mich.

BRESLOW, Lester

CLARK, Dean A., University of Pitts.

DAILY, Edwin F., Health Insurance Plan
of Greater N.Y.

STEARNS, David B.

MAZIQUE, Edward C.

BARR, David

BAUER, Walter

BLUESTONE, E. Michael

BREM, Thomas H.

BURTON, DeWitt T.

COOKE, Robert E.

FAIK, Leslie A.

GRAVES, James H.

GUNDERSEN, Sven M., Hitchcock Clinic

KUBIE, Lawrence S., Sheppard & Enoch
Pratt Hospital

LEE, Sidney S.

LONDON, Irving M.

PELLEGRINO, Edmund D.

WICKENDEN, Elizabeth, Natl Social
Welfare Assembly

ANDERSON, Joseph P., Natl Assn. of Social
Workers

WILKINS, Roy, NAACP

MATHIASSEN, Geneva, Natl Council on the
Aging, Inc.

JONES, Jeweldean, Natl Urban League

SCHOTTLAND, Charles L., Brandeis
University

CHRISTENSEN, Ethlyn, Natl. Board of
YWCA.

GRACE, John, Salvation Army

JUSTIS, Guy R., American Public Welfare
Assn.

BERSTEIN, Philip, Council of Jewish
Federation and Welfare Funds

DUPPSTADT, Gladys, Natl Federation of
Settlements and Neighborhood Centers

RAHN, Sheldon L., Natl Council of
Churches

FAIK, Isador.

August 5, 1965

EXECUTIVE
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The President has asked me to extend to you an invitation to attend the signing of the Health Research Facilities Amendments of 1965 at 12:00 noon on Monday, August 9. You should present yourself at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland no later than 11:30 A.M. Please advise me by wire if your schedule will permit you to attend. Bring this telegram as it will be your admission card.

Lawrence F. O'Brien,
Special Assistant to the President.

MORRIS, Alvin L., University of Ky.	RENNE, R. R.,
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STONE, William S., University of Md.	NELSON, Russell, Johns Hopkins Hospital
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MOORE, Robert A., University of N.Y.	
DARLEY, Ward, University of Colorado	
JONES, Boisfeuillet, Emily & Ernest Woodruff Foundation	
AHLBERG, Clark D., Syracuse University	
CURRY, Helen Louise,	
GLASER, Robert J., Affiliated Hospitals Center	
GODDARD, David R., University of Pennsylvania	
HARVILL, Richard A., University of Ariz.	
HICKEY, Maurice J., University of Wash.	
HOWARD, Robert B., University of Minn.	
LAPHAM, Maxwell E., Tulane University	
McNICHOLS, Stephen L. R.	
NAGLE, Raymond J., N.Y. University	
OLSON, Stanley W., Baylor University	
PUTNAM, Hamilton, S. Putnam Assn.	
PAGE, Howard E., National Science Foundation	
CARLSON, Harve, National Science Foundation	
BARNETT, E. Dwight,	
HARLOW, Harry F., University of Wisconsin	
TAUB, Ben, J.N. Taub and Sons	
THORP, W. T. S., University of Minn.	
WOLF, George A., Jr., Tufts New England Medical Center	

GENERAL

August 10, 1965

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Dear Mr. Golding:

We thank you for your letter of August 9 and appreciate your recommendation of Dr. Michael E. DeBakey. We have taken the liberty of passing this information along to the proper people for consideration.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Marvin

W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. H. Dick Golding
Trade Associations, Inc.
P. O. Box 395
Houston, Texas

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ME 1/DeBAKEY, Michael
DeBAKEY, Michael

January 29, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR DON HORNIG

You may regret the invitation to the International Cardiology Foundation dinner in New York in June. Then -- as you suggest -- you might do a draft of an appropriate message and get it to Fred Holborn in time for his shop to process the message and get it out.

Jack Valenti

cc: Mr. Fred Holborn (with incoming)

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New York

January 27, 1965

MR. PRESIDENT:

The International Cardiology Foundation would like you to present their Gold Stethoscope Award to Dr. DeBakey at a New York dinner in June.

Dr. Hornig says the size and scope of the organization do not warrant your making a trip to New York. He asks your permission to decline the invitation and promise a message instead.

May I ask Dr. Hornig to proceed as he suggests?

Yes _____ No _____

Jack Valenti

Sept. 7, 8, 10, 1965

EXECUTIVE
SO 2/9-16-65

The President hopes you can join him at the White House on Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 for dinner and an exchange of views and ideas with other leaders of this country. Formal invitation follows. Dress: Business suit. RSVP.

The Social Secretary,
The White House

MARNEY, Carlyle
ESPY, R. H. Edwin
TRUEBLOOD, D. Elton
BLAKE, Eugene Carson
ABEL, I.W.
JENNINGS, Paul
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GROGAN, John J.
PHILLIPS, Paul L.
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CASEY, Sam H.
COX, James M.
DAVIES, Ralph K.
DOUGLAS, Lewis W.
EMORY, German H. H.
FISHWICK, John P.
GOLDSTON, Eli
HEINEMAN, Ben W.
HILL, George Watts
HOCHSCHILD, Walter
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KERR, James R.
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DEBAKEY, Michael
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COBB, Montague
BLASINGAME, F. J. L.
MEANY, George
REUTHER, Walter P.
RANDOLPH, A. Philip
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DICKEY, Charles D.
FOGARTY, Thomas C.
PHILLIPPE, Gerald L.
ROCKEFELLER, David
WOODRUFF, Robert W.

LUCE, Henry R.
CHANDLER, Otis
KRIM, Arthur B.

September 21, 1965

Dear Mr. Mayer:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you recommend Michael DeBakey for appointment as Surgeon General.

Your interest in advising us of Dr. DeBakey's qualifications is appreciated, and I can assure you that he will be given careful consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Mr. Stanley W. Mayer
2235 Malcolm Avenue
Los Angeles 64, California

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2235 Malcolm Ave.
Los Angeles 64, Calif.
August 19, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

Although I am 49, and a native-born American, this is the first letter I have written to a President. I am impelled to make three points, which are interrelated to a degree.

1. The nation is extremely fortunate to have as its president a true expert in the practical art of government, motivated by the maximum good for all. You have established a historical record of passed legislation unmatched by any comparable previous administration.
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3. It is a remarkable tribute to the greatness of American ideals as exemplified in your Inauguration Address that Americans raised in diverse areas of this country (such as you in Texas, Vice-President Humphrey in the northern plains, and myself in New York City) feel so similarly about the principles of justice, humanity and achievement that created and then guided this nation through so much of its history. These principles have in this century been subjected to cynical and materialistic attacks from abroad and by misguided groups in this country. It seems to have almost become fashionable in some quarters to ignore or subvert these principles - as can be seen in some segments of the axe-grinding press, shabby business practices or misguided politics. It therefore is of the highest importance to the moral and ethical health of our country that the principles of honesty, the golden rule and achievement (individual or group) be emphasized again. I wish excerpts from your Inaugural Address and other addresses bearing on this subject could be assembled for wide distribution to stimulate the growth of the basic individual values required as foundations for a Great Society.

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That judgment was based on my training (I have the Ph.D. degree), research experience (more than 40 scientific papers), and direct knowledge of large programs (A-bomb, AEC research, medical research, space program) in which I have been continuously working since before World War II. I believe that the achievement of practical artificial hearts (and implanted artificial kidneys) in ambulatory people can be expedited by:

1. Establishing a National Institute of Surgery (as part of the National Institutes of Health) which will have the implantation of artificial hearts (and natural or artificial organs) as a major objective.
2. Expanding the facilities available to surgeons throughout the country for research using large animals (sheep, cows, etc.) to speed the process of finding the best techniques and materials for durable implantation of artificial (or natural) organs.
3. Industrial research cooperation in such technical problems as suitable light-weight power sources and materials.
4. Selecting a man to direct the artificial heart program who has that all-important genius for achievement.

This last ingredient - selecting a leader who has the necessary understanding of people and the technical problems (plus the drive to make things work for the greatest good of all) - is by far the most vital. The importance of that type of understanding is shown by point 1. on the first page of this letter. Your administration's historically outstanding record of significant legislative progress arose from having a leader who has unprecedented understanding of the human and governmental problems which hitherto had blocked such legislative achievement.

Representative Roosevelt quite properly asked the Director of the National Heart Institute to comment on my letter. His comment, while not directly critical, was of a type normally to be expected - namely, that the National Heart Institute was becoming increasingly aware of artificial heart developmental work and was soon to have a man on its staff who would have cognizance of that area although, of course, artificial heart research represents only a very small percentage of the research area necessarily covered by the National Heart Institute. Unfortunately, if 1, 2, 3 or 5 years are lost because of this leisurely (but understandable) pace, the lives of tens of thousands of people will be needlessly lost because the artificial heart will be available too late for them although the surgical and technical feasibility of the artificial heart is such that its development could be greatly speeded by comparatively modest increases in the budget of the Heart Institute or a new National Institute of Surgery. Your leadership is all that is required to speed the availability of the artificial heart by several years, through transferring funds or new funds.

I as a research scientist thoroughly admire the research achievement of the National Heart Institute, and you have expressed your well-founded admiration of them. The Director's response to my letter could be construed as a negation of point 3., the American ideal of great achievements for the benefit of humanity, but they are simply not geared at present to put 10 or 15% of their funds into the surgical and technical development required for the artificial heart. Of course, the United States cannot go dashing off towards illusory objectives. But, in fact, it is generally agreed that there is no known technical or surgical reason preventing the production of a practical artificial heart in several years. And Dr. De Bakey's progress towards the development of the artificial heart leads me to believe that it could be achieved at one-tenth the cost I would have estimated two years ago. A practical artificial heart would be one of the greatest milestones in the history of mankind and a crucial victory for America in the international battle for mens minds and hearts.

Respectfully yours,

Stanley W. Mayer
Stanley W. Mayer

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Card #15 w/pers msg: "Dear Dr. DeBakey -
How wonderful to hear from you! Every day
finds him stronger and we are thankful. LBJ
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT MY PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES ARE WITH YOU
AT THIS TIME. I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU ARE IN SUCH COMPETENT
HANDS AND FEEL CONFIDENT THAT ALL WILL GO WELL. KINDEST PERSONAL
REGARDS

MICHAEL E DEBAKEY M D.

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October 14, 1965

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DeBaKey, Dr. Michael
FG 165

Dear Dr. Stewart:

Dr. Lee of the Department of Health, Education
and Welfare tells me that your group will be ad-
ministering this Regional Medical Program.

x Houston
The attached letter is self-explanatory. I would
be most appreciative if you could have someone
give us a report on Mr. Harte's inquiry.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Jake Jacobsen
Legislative Counsel
to the President

Dr. William H. Stewart
The Surgeon General
Washington, D. C.

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October 26, 1965

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Cardiology
Award

Dear Mr. Baer:

I have your telegram of the 22nd about the proposed cardiology award to Dr. DeBakey and the possibility of the President making the presentation at a dinner on January 11th or another convenient date early in 1966.

The President would like to do this, I am sure, if circumstances permitted. However, I don't think we can be encouraging about the prospects as the early part of the year is an especially busy period. Much time must be devoted to the State of the Union, Budget, Economic and other important messages to the Congress and we try to hold outside commitments to a minimum.

We will be happy to hear from you again, though, as your plans progress and we will take another look at the situation.

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Albert M. ^XBaer
X International Cardiology Foundation
1776 Broadway
New York, New York 10019

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November 10, 1965

Dr. John Sterling Meyer
Rackham Memorial Auditorium
Woodward and Farnsworth Streets
Detroit, Michigan

I take a very special pleasure in sending my warm greetings to the participants in this regional symposium on stroke.

As all of you know, one of the most important Presidential Commissions established during this Administration--on Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke--made bold and far-reaching recommendations for our battle against these great killers.

Under the brilliant leadership of Dr. Michael DeBakey, this Commission thoroughly studied the impact of these diseases on the individual and on our society. It primarily recommended a series of regional centers for the diagnosis, care, and rehabilitation of the victims of these three diseases. The recommendations of the Commission have already been embodied in legislation that will help us begin our attack.

Your symposium is a part of this broad scheme. In the next few days, a distinguished faculty of physicians will help a group of physicians from twelve states understand the latest concepts in the management of stroke, from occurrence through rehabilitation.

I regard this as a fine example of what can and must be done to meet the challenges posed by these major diseases. You have my hopes for a ~~successful~~ and productive meeting in Detroit.

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Lyndon B. Johnson

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November 16, 1965

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Cardiology
award

Dear Dr. ^{Willis}Hurst:

I have your note of the 9th concerning the presentation of the cardiology award to Dr. DeBakey. This is something the President would like to do, of course, if circumstances permit, but it's still too early to say. The people of the International Cardiology Foundation are going to keep in touch with us as their plans progress and we'll decide just as soon as possible.

Michael

It was good to hear from you and I want you to know how much I enjoyed working with you during the stay at Bethesda. We'll keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Jack

Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Dr. J. Willis Hurst
Chairman, Department of Medicine
Emory University
Thomas K. Glenn Memorial Bldg.
69 Butler Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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November 30, 1965

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MA 2/Internat'l
Cardiology Award

Dear Mr. Baer:

As I mentioned to you the last time we talked, the President's schedule for the first half of 1966 is still very tentative. In point of fact we have no firm commitments for any events of any kind in the winter and spring of 1966 except those official appearances scheduled before Congress.

The best information I can give you now is that we will be glad to hold open the invitation to the President to present the Gold Scalpel to Dr. Michael DeBakey. Then, perhaps as 1966 unfolds we will be better able to know our schedule.

This is more or less the same information I gave you on October 26th and, as you can see, the situation has not changed.

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Albert M. Baer
International Cardiology Foundation
1776 Broadway
New York, New York 10019

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November 16, 1965

Dear Mike:

I wish to extend a word of personal thanks to you for your contribution to the White House Conference on Health.

The results of the meetings have pleased me tremendously. Now I hope that those discussions -- to which you contributed so much time and thought -- will become the foundation for vigorous and creative programs in the future.

Please accept my appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Professor and Chairman
Department of Surgery
College of Medicine
Baylor University
Houston, Texas

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON
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Mr. Thomas' office

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Color 11X14 photographs of President with someone else - "With best wishes, Lyndon B. Johnson" sent to the following who attended the dinner at the White House on Thursday, September 16, 1965.

GRONOUSKI, John A.
CONNOR, John T.
GARDNER, John W.
MARTIN, William McChesney
ABEL, I. W.
ALTSCHUL, Frank
ANNENBERG, Walter H.
BEADLE, George W.
BEINECKE, William S.
BEIRNE, Joseph A.
BLAKE, Eugene Carson
BLASINGAME, F. J. L.
BLAUSTEIN, Jacob
BODMAN, Henry T.
BREWSTER, Kingman, Jr.
CARLSON, Edward E.
CASEY, Sam H.
CAVANAGH, Jerome P.
CISLER, Walker L.
CLARK, Charles Patrick
COBB, W. Montague
COX, James M., Jr.
DeBAKEY, Michael
DICKY, Charles D.
DUBINSKY, David
ESPY, D. R.H. Edwin
FEINBERG, Abraham
FISHWICK, John P.
FOGARTY, Thomas C.
GILBERT, Milton A.
GLEKEL, Newton
GOLDSTON, Eli
GREENBERG, Max
HEARD, Alexander
HEINEMAN, Ben W.
HILL, George Watts
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KELLAM, Sidney
KELLER, Charles, Jr.

KERR, James R.
KRIM, Arthur B.
LAWRENCE, William
LEEB, Brian P.
LEHMAN, Robert
LING, James
LUCE, Henry R.
MARNEY, Carlyle
MARSHALL, J. Howard
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McCONNELL, Joseph Howard
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MILLER, Arjay R.
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NASON, John W.
ORLOFF, Monford A.
PHILLIPPE, Gerald L.
PHILLIPS, Paul L.
PIERPOINT, Robert
POST, Troy V.
PUSEY, Nathan M.
RANSOM, Harry
REUTHER, Walter P.
ROBB, Felix C.
ROBERTSON, Corbin J.
ROBISON, James E.
ROSE, Frank
ROSENWALD, Lessing J.
RUBICAM, Raymond
SCHERER, Raymond L.
SCHWARZENBACH, Robert M.
SENGSTACKE, John
SIRAGUSA, Ross D., Sr.
SMITH, D. W.
SPALDING, Asa T.
SPIEGEL, Modie J.
SPRAGUE, Mansfield D.
STEIN, Sydney, Jr.
STRAUS, Ralph I.
STRELSIN, Alfred A.
TAYLOR, Jay
THIELMAN, Calvin
TRUEBLOOD, D. Elton

WILBUR, Dwight L.
WILSON, O. Meredith
WORTHAM, Gus S.
WRIGHT, Joseph S.
BRONFMAN, Edgar M.
CAMPBELL, Gerard J.

MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M.D.
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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November 29, 1965

Mr. Marvin Watson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

I am writing to express my grateful appreciation for your kind and prompt attention in facilitating the appointment of Dr. Robert Marston.

I was reluctant to add this matter to your already burdened schedule, but the situation seemed critical, and I felt it was necessary to call it to your attention. Your generous response was most appreciated by all of us who have been interested in advancing the President's health program.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

Michael E. De Bakey
Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Tuesday, December 21, 1965
4:25 p. m.

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Douglass Cater

Michael

Mary Lasker and Dr. DeBakey sought to see you but were switched by Valenti to me. They were filled with deep concern about the proposed budget figures for heart, cancer, and stroke centers and for health research facilities. DeBakey pointed out that he had been perfectly reconciled to a very small start for planning purposes this year. But he believes that the heart, cancer, stroke program will falter badly unless it receives the \$90 million authorized for Fiscal 67. (BOB has cut this to \$25 million.) He also says the centers cannot get going unless there is money for construction in health research facilities. (\$90 million is authorized. BOB, I understand, has eliminated this entirely.) The two of them were very eloquent about what the new health initiative means to the nation. They argued that there can be no breakthrough in the war against the killer diseases unless these two programs are adequately funded; that the amounts are comparatively small in the overall budget; that success against crippling diseases is important to our total defense effort.

Both volunteered that they would gladly support a tax increase rather than face severe budget cuts in the health field, I promised to transmit their pleas.

Query: Do you wish me to check Schultze to see if there is any possibility of reallocation of funds to this program?

Yes _____ No _____

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Well - Mr Cater
has talked w/
Dr DeBakey JR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

TOO WELL DO I RECOGNIZE THE TEMERITY OF MY ATTEMPTING
TO INVADE YOUR THOUGHTS AT SO CRITICAL A POINT IN THE FRAMING
OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET AND THE SEALING OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE
FORTHCOMING YEAR. HOWEVER, INFORMATION WHICH MARK LASKER AND

PROVIDENCE GUIDE YOU IN YOUR LONELY DECISIONS.

PURSUANT TO CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. JACK VALENTI AND MR.
DOUGLASS CATER AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 21, 1965, I AM
SENDING THEM COPIES OF THIS TELEGRAM. SINCERELY
MICHAEL E DE BAKEY MD.

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January 11, 1966

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Dr. Paul C. Kiernan in response to the invitation to the President to attend the dinner and to present the award to Dr. DeBakey. Unfortunately, the President just cannot add this to his schedule although the Foundation is probably one of the most worthy which has come to our attention.

I very much appreciate your letter and your interest and just wish that the reply did not have to be a disappointing one to you.

Marian appreciates your remembering her in your letter and joins me in wishing for you all that is good for this New Year.

Sincerely,

Marvin

W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Delk Simpson
c/o James F. Mitchell Foundation
5401 Western Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20015

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James F. Mitchell Foundation Award

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Green Copy used for Dr. Paul C. Kiernan's name

GENERAL

January 14, 1966

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Dear Senator:

Thank you for your expression of interest in the invitation extended the President to make the presentation of the annual James F. Mitchell Foundation award to Dr. Michael DeBakey on February 24.

Your letter is being referred to the President's appointments secretary for reply.

Sincerely,



Mike Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Honorable Lister Hill
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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January 19, 1966

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Dear Senator:

This is in further response to your letter of the 10th to the President concerning the invitation extended to him to present the annual James F. Mitchell Foundation award to Dr. Michael DeBakey at a dinner in Washington on February 24th.

The President appreciated very much being asked to make this presentation to Dr. DeBakey but unfortunately, it is not going to be possible to include this engagement in his calendar for next month. We wrote Dr. Kiernan of the Mitchell Foundation on the 11th to express regrets.

The President thanks you for your expression of interest in the matter and is sincerely sorry the reply could not be a favorable one.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Jack
Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Honorable Lister Hill
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

JV:hc

January 18, 1966

Dear Bill:

The Michael DeBakey operation was a formally established Presidential Commission. It worked primarily with HEW in preparing their report. Mike Feldman had action here until the report was published. Doug Cater then took over and worked out the legislative approach. DeBakey, I'm told, is the unquestioned leading vascular surgeon in the world.

I finally pinpointed the date of the Cambridge trip - June 7th.

Between May 24th and July 2nd, the exact nature of the TFs were spelled^{out}, BOB's papers begun and the personnel selected. In short, the TFs were in being before the Cabinet meeting.

There were no TFs (other than economic) in foreign policy since, after a general review, it was decided that the general outlines and methods of operation established by JFK were good and should be continued. As you know, problems on the domestic scene were felt to be another matter, hence the whole TF operation was started.

Let me know how things are progressing.

Sincerely,

Hayes Redmon

Professor William Leuchtenburg
86 Buena Vista Drive
Dobbs Ferry, New York

Enclosure: Task Forces queries ret'd to writer

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The Trustees
of
The ^XJames F. Mitchell Foundation
for Medical Education and Research

request the pleasure of your company

at dinner

in honor of

Doctor ^XMichael E. DeBakey

recipient of the Foundation's

1966 International Award for Heart and Vascular Research

on Tuesday, March the Fifteenth

at Seven Thirty O'clock

The Presidential Room

The Statler-Hilton Hotel

16th and K Streets, Northwest

Washington, D. C.

R.S.V.P.
Card enclosed

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Heathcote Farm
Amenia, New York

Dear Mr. President,

How wonderful to get the books, which tell the story of your great years as President, for Xmas!

I can't tell you what pleasure these books and your letter gave me. I know how much of your heart and vital energy you put into these years just behind us. It makes me happy to hear you are really quite well again, as I know you can solve the problems as long as you have your health and strength. You will bring the world into a great new era; - of peace, good will, and education. I feel you will use the satellite to educate millions all over the world, as well as in our country, through use of new types of educational films projected on transitorized T. V. sets in school rooms, everywhere.

New eras in saving of lives through medical research can be started if you go ahead with present plans of 1965. The average age can be brought to 75 in your administration, before 1972, if you will call the directors of the National Institutes of Health to give you specific plans to put ideas now at hand to the test, in clinical trials with patients, on a large scale. Some funds now being used in other ways could be diverted to this if you will ask for plans to reduce the death rate; and prolong the prime of life. Doctors must be told this is urgent by you.

When can the ^{*}Lasker Award Jury headed by Dr. ^{*}Mike^{*}deBakey come to present the Award they voted you?? I want to come, too!

All my deep appreciation of all you do, and gratitude.

Affectionate wishes and love to you and Lady Bird,

Yours,

(s) Mary L. ^{*}(Lasker)

Jack
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January 4, 1966

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10/1966/FG 216

March 3, 1966

To: Sanford Fox

From: Helen Colle

Mr. Watson said this invitation should be regretted.

Will you please do so and although the RSVP card which they said was enclosed seems to be lost, I would think you can use the address in the attached correspondence with the Foundation.

Many thanks.

Inv. to Pres. and Mrs. Johnson for the dinner of the James F. Mitchell Foundation here in Washington on March 15 at which Dr. Mihhael DeBakey will be honored.



GENERAL

IV 1/1966/ST32(N.Y.) ①

January 31, 1966

Dear Mr. Baer:

This is with reference to your kind invitation, which has been pending for some time, for the President to come to New York and present the cardiology award which your Foundation proposes to make to Dr. DeBakey, *Michael*

This is something the President would be honored to do if circumstances permitted, and we were hopeful that the situation might ease so that we could schedule this and several other appealing invitations which have been pending here. Regrettably, however, this is not the case and with the unusually heavy demands anticipated in the months ahead, the President has asked that we hold his outside engagements to a minimum.

I thought you would like to have this word - even though disappointing - so that you could proceed with your plans for this event not counting on the President's attendance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Albert M. x Baer
x International Cardiology Foundation
1776 Broadway
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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS

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CORA AND WEBB MADING DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Dr. Baker, Michael E.

August 6, 1965

Mr. Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Douglass:

This letter is concerned with the White House Conference on Health.

The various suggestions made about topics to be considered for such a conference, during our recent discussion in your office and summarized in Bing's memorandum of July 23, 1965, are all worthy of consideration. I believe, however, that it is highly desirable to focus the Conference upon fairly specific issues in order to avoid discursive and desultory discussions and hopefully in order to develop imaginative as well as practical approaches to some of these problems. Accordingly I would suggest the following topics:

1. Health Services - including not only patient care but also preventive medicine or maintenance of health. Emphasis would be upon application of medical knowledge. While the trends in health services have been developing over a relatively long period of time, in recent years they have been emerging with increasing rapidity, thus producing a greater lag in the provision of organization, facilities, and manpower in meeting the needs which have thus been created. The Federal Government has played a major role in these developments, largely through its increasing support of medical research. The thrust of Medicare and hopefully of Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke legislation

March 31, 1966
8:30 p.m. Thursday

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES MOYERS

Will you please prepare a telegram for Dr. Debakey?

Jack Valenti

Dr. Debakey will receive the Gold Scalpel Award of the
International Cardiology Foundation..



April 2, 1966

NIGHT LETTER

Mr. Donald C. Power
Chairman
Dr. Michael DeBakey Testimonial Dinner
Hotel Astor
43rd Street and Broadway
New York, New York

I am most pleased to know that the International
Cardiology Foundation is honoring Dr. Michael
DeBakey with its Gold Scalpel Award. You have
chosen a fine recipient.

Michael DeBakey's work has greatly advanced the
cause of cardiology. And perhaps the best testimonial
to him lies in the fact that he has led in organizing
the resources of our nation to bring the maximum
benefits of research to people throughout the world.

I wish you would convey to him my congratulations and
best wishes upon his receiving your distinguished award.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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CC: James Moyers/Bob Fleming/Juanita Roberts/
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President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Distinguished Civilian
Service Awards Board
Room 280
Civil Service Commission Bldg.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter devoted to
publicity, just from me, born here over
60 years ago to you, our President.

We have all read of the fine work performed
by Dr. Michael DeBakey who is of Lebanese
ancestry and a great credit and asset to
our beloved America.

Well do I recall that in various foreign
countries, outstanding physicians and
surgeons were decorated or honored in
other ways by their governments.

When we give thought to the success being
encountered in heart cases, we give thought
to the fact that you were once ill and all
Americans today, men of every race, creed
or color, give thanks to Almighty God
that you are physically fit to handle your
many difficult tasks. With God's help,
may this continue for a long time, many years.

Dr. DeBakey is a quiet brilliant and
unassuming member of his profession, a
man with a heart who has restored hearts,
hearts created within human bodies by God.

I feel that our government should summon
him to Washington in due course and honor
him, fine surgeon and American he is.

Those of us who have followed your career
are aware of the fact that you are a humane
and compassionate man.

I feel somehow that you can sense the
sincerity of my letter.

Very respectfully yours,

James A. Mannix
James A. Mannix

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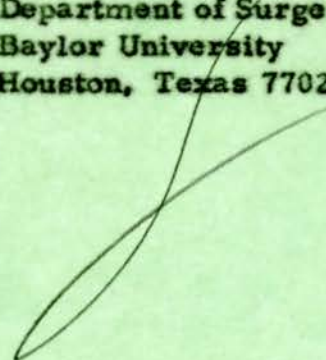
Dear Dr. DeBakey:

The President thought you would be interested in seeing his letter of April 25 to Congressman John Fogarty and asked me to send you the attached copy.

Sincerely,

Henry H. Wilson, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Department of Surgery
Baylor University
Houston, Texas 77025



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

APR 25 1966

Dear John:

I very much appreciated your thoughtful letter of March 15 in which you express the concern of yourself and other members of the Subcommittee regarding the adequacy of the 1967 budget for the National Institutes of Health. I fully recognize the strength of your convictions and the sincerity of your views. Accept my assurance that they have had my personal and lengthy consideration.

For many months now we have had the Federal budget under constant review. Only the other day I talked at length with the Mayors and later with the heads of all departments and the major Federal independent agencies about the economic situation of the country and the need to practice restraint and make sure that we spend only that which we must spend. During our budget reviews last November and December we strove to provide to the Congress a budget which would meet our international commitments, and would also permit us to press confidently forward toward the Great Society. I did not want to stop progress on any front, but it was clear that we could not meet all our goals at one time. Therefore, with the greatest reluctance, I found it necessary to request the Congress for a slower rate of advance in many programs than I would have liked. I still believe that our choices were right.

Yet in our Great Society programs -- health, labor, training, education, war on poverty, housing and community development -- the 1967 budget proposed administrative budget expenditures of \$12.9 billion, an increase from 1964 of \$6.2 billion. Exclusive of added Viet Nam costs and unavoidable interest payments, all other budget expenditures were cut back by \$3.7 billion between 1964 and 1967.

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I found the budget choices particularly difficult in the field of health, for as you know, I am personally dedicated to the need for the highest quality of medical care for all Americans. Taking all Federal programs into account, including trust fund payments for Medicare, Federal health expenditures rise from \$5.1 billion in 1964 to \$10.3 billion in 1967. The NIH expenditures are more than 10% of these total health expenditures.

I share your view that the budget for NIH does not propose to do all the researchers -- or you and I -- would like to see done in 1967. But for all NIH except construction the budget increase of \$93.5 million is the largest single increase for NIH proposed by a President in his January budget. No Institute was cut below 1966, funds are requested for all newly authorized programs, and as explained in the budget document, funds for an artificial heart will be requested if important new breakthroughs occur. The amounts requested for health research construction will be channeled to new medical schools so that no delay will occur in their planned progress toward expanding our enrollment of medical students.

Reasonable men may differ when these difficult choices are made. I understand the positive sentiments which motivate your statement of views, and after you have considered the balance which must be maintained in our economy and among our Great Society programs I know that you will decide in terms of what you think is the best national interest.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Honorable John E. Fogarty
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I deeply appreciated the privilege of being present when you received the Albert Lasker Award. I have counted it a privilege to pray for you by name daily.

I want you to know of the gratitude that is mine in having my son Luther a part of your Administration.

Being 83, I am most grateful for your interest in the older people of our country. I appreciate your dedication to "all the people."

Having the honor of seeing you personally at the White House, will add a new dimension to my daily time of prayer for you. May the Lord sustain you and guide you always.

Sincerely yours,

T. L. Holcomb

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T. L. HOLCOMB
6458 Westlake Avenue
Dallas 14, Texas

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Copy to Mrs. Gerrits

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Photograph inscribed:

To Dr. Michael DeBakey
With appreciation
Lyndon B. Johnson

Sent to: Dr. Michael DeBakey
Department of Surgery
College of Medicine
Baylor University
Houston, Texas 77025

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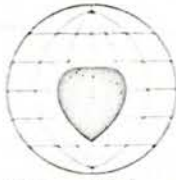
Mr. President:

Would you like to autograph

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" To Dr. Michael DeBakey
With appreciation, LBJ"

(member of the Lasker Foundation and
famous heart surgeon fm Houston, Texas)

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International Cardiology Foundation

President

Paul Dudley White, M.D.
264 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Chairman, International Lay Committee

Albert M. Baer
1776 Broadway
New York, New York 10019

May 6, 1966

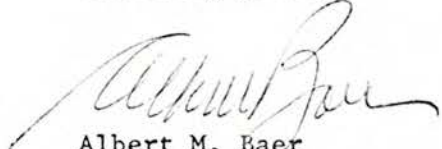
Mr. William Moyers
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moyers:

This is just a short note of appreciation for your telephone call in connection with our invitation to President Johnson to attend the Dr. Michael E. DeBakey Dinner on April 3rd.

It occurred to me that you might be interested in seeing some of the little souvenirs given out that night, and am therefore enclosing one for your personal use.

Sincerely yours,


Albert M. Baer

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To: Secretary of Health, Education,
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Date: May 26, 1966

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- ____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to
reply.
- ____ Direct reply.
____ Furnish information copy.
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appropriate handling.
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please telephone the undersigned immediately,
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draft reply, memorandum, or comment is re-
quested.

REMARKS:

Description:

____ Letter: ☒ Telegram; Other:
To: The President
From: Robert A. Yawitt, Miami, Florida
Date: 5/25/66 ☒
Subject: In behalf father-in-law, Sylvan Lipkin, dying--crucial period next 48 hours;
asks if Dr. DeBakey could be of help to their cardiologist, Dr. Martin Bell,
in Miami. ☒

By direction of the President:

Paul M. Popple

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

(Copy to remain with correspondence)

June 21, 1966

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Dinner at the White House honoring King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, June 21, 1966

HARE, Raymond A., Asst. Secy of State for Near Eastern & South Asian Affairs
 Robert H. Fleming
 Eugene R. Black, Southeast Asian Economical & Social Development
 BADEAU, Dr. John, Former Ambassador to United Arab Republic
 LINDER, Harold F., Export-Import Bank of Washington
 Harold Howe, II, U.S. Commissioner of Education
 HERRICK, Major General Curtis J., Arlington, Va.
 BRYANT, William B.
 SAUNDERS, Harold, Nat'l Security Council
 WRIGGINS, W. Howard, Nat'l Security Council
 LAITIN, Joseph
 MOORE, Like C.,
 ABERCROMBIE, Thomas J., Nat'l Geographic Society
 ALLEN, Herbert A., Hartsdale, N.Y.
 ANDERSON, Hurst R. American University
 ANDREWS, Dana, Hollywood, Calif.
 BAIZE, Jack D., Houston, Tex.
 BARGER, Thomas C., Arabian American Oil Company
 BATESON, Harold, Greenwich, R.I.
 BEALE, William L., Jr. Asso. Press.
 BECHTEL, Stephen D., Jr., San Francisco, Calif.
 BECK, Louis, N.Y.C.
 BLAKE, Charles E., Hearne, Tex.
 BOOTH, Windsor P., Nat'l Geographic Society News Service
 BRITT, Myron G., Fairfax, Va.
 BUHSE, Howard E., N.Y.C.
 BURNS, Norman, American University of Beirut
 CARTER, J. Stanley, N.Y. Daily News
 CLARK, Emory, Milwaukee, Wisc.
 CONMY, Joseph B., Jr., Arlington, Va.
 CORCORAN, Thomas G., Washington, D.C.
 DAVIS, Saville, Christian Science Monitor
 DeBAKEY, Michael, Baylor University
 DOWNS, Hugh, N.Y.C.
 ELLIOTT, Lloyd H., George Washington University
 ELY, Northcutt, Washington, D.C.
 ENGSTROM, Elmer W., N.Y.C.
 Prince Mohamed bin Faisal Al Saud
 Prince Turki bin Faisal Al Saud
 FELDMAN, Myer, Washington, D.C.
 FELSENTHAL, Dan, Longview, Tex.
 FITZGERALD, Harold A., Pontiac Daily Press

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THE WHITE HOUSE

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND BAYLOR MEDICAL SCHOOL WHICH ARE THE ONLY MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN TEXAS JOINED IN A COMBINED APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING GRANT OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR TEXAS PARTICIPATION IN THE HEART CANCER AND STROKE PROGRAM.

THE APPLICATION HAS THE ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL OF DR. DEBAKEY OF BAYLOR MEDICAL SCHOOL AND OF DR. CLARK OF M. D. ANDERSON Cancer Hospital

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AND IT NOW IS ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY IT BY GETTING CONTROL OF THE TEXAS PROGRAM. PLEASE TELL DR. MARSTON, DIRECTOR OF THE HEART CANCER AND STROKE AGENCY TO GO FORWARD AND APPROVE THE TEXAS APPLICATION REGARDLESS OF TMA OPPOSITION. WHETHER ANY MONEY IS FORTHCOMING BEFORE JULY FIRST IS UNIMPORTANT BUT ITS IMPORTANT THAT FINAL APPROVAL OF THE TEXAS APPLICATION BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

FRANK ERWIN.

A. W. WATSON
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Invitations to following for ceremony commemorating 20th Anniversary of the signing of the Atomic Energy Act and swearing-in of Dr. Samuel A. Habrit and Wilfrid Johnson. Atomic Energy Commission.

GULLANDER, Warner, NYC.	PENNY, William, London, England
BRECKINRIDGE, John B., Atla. Ga.	CANNELL, Rogers S., Atherton, Calif.
ROBBINS, Charles, NYC.	McMILLAN, Edwin, Berkeley, Calif.
SIEGEL, Sidney, Hinsdale, Ill.	MATTIA, Virginus D., Nutley, N. Jer.
WOOLWARD, Robert B., Belmont, Mass	MILLER, George A., Lexington, Mass.
NIERENBERG, William A., Berkeley, Calif.	PIEL, Gerard, NYC
PRESS, Frank, Pasadena, Calif.	PIORE, Emanuel R. NYC.
RAMSAUR, Walter P., Los Angeles, Calif.	PITZER, Kenneth S., Hou
VISSCHER, Maurice, Minneapolis, Minn.	REVELLE, Roger, Cambridge, Mass.
YORK, Herbert, Lajolla, Calif.	RUBEL, John H., Losa.
WESTHEIMER, Frank H., Belmont, Mass.	SZENT-GYORGYI, Albert, Woods Hole, Mass
ALVAREZ, Luis W., Berkeley, Calif.	TAUSSIG, Helen B., Balto. Md.
BRONK, Detlev W., NYC	UREY, Harold C., Lajolla, Calif.
BROWN, Harrison S., Pasadena, Calif.	VAN ALLEN, James, Iowa City, Iowa
CHAMBERLAIN, Own, Berkeley, Calif.	WEAVER, Warren, NYC.
CLEMENT, Rufus E., Atlanta, Ga.	WIESNER, Jerome, Cambridge, Mass.
COBB, W. Montague, Washington, D.C.	BARDEEN, John, Urbana, Ill.
DEBAKEY, Michael E., Huston, Tex.	ROSENBLITH, Walter A., Brookline, Mass.
GOLDMARK, Peter C., Stamford, Conn	OSBORNE, Louis S., Lexington, Mass.
HARRIS, Milton, Washington, D.C.	LONG, F. A., Ithaca, N. Y.
HORNER, Richard E., Los Angeles, Calif.	ROHLICH, Gerald, Madison, Wis.
JOHNSON, Clarence L. Encino, Calif.	CLARK, Leland, Jr., Bham
KISTIAKOWSKY, George B., Cambridge, Mass.	HATCH, John, Huntsville, Ala.
KUSCH, Polykarp, Stanford, Calif.	MURRAY, Bruce, Pasadena, Calif.
LEE, Russel V., Palo Alto, Calif.	McKENZIE, Cosmo, Dvr.
McBRIDE, Katherine E., Bryn Mawr, Pa.	TEDESCHI, James, Miami, Fla.
CLARY, Ernest H., Las Vegas, Nev.	NELSON, Leonard, Atla. Ga.
DUNN, Leo, Albuquerque, N. Mex.	CAMBELL, Ali Bulent, Evanston, Ill.
HANDLER, Philip, Durham, N.Car.	HENDERSON, Robert E., Indpls.
AGNEW, Harold, Los Alamos, N.Mex.	HAMMER, Charles L., Ames, Iowa
GLOBE, Samuel, Columbus, Ohio	ALLUSISI, Earl A., Louisville, Ky.
SCHWAB, Credo, Augusta, So. Car.	JOHNSON, Emmett, Jackson, Miss.
GAINES, Sidney, Prairie, Tex.	BUCKHOUT, Robert, University City, Mo.
EVANS, Richard I., Hou.	McELROY, William D., Balto.
CORI, Carl, St. Louis, Mo.	KOBER, Carl L., Littleton, Colo
NELSON, Richard L., Worthington, Ohio	ANDERSON, R. S., Nash.
MILLER, James G., Ann Arbor, Mich.	ANDERSON, Marion, Stamford, Conn.
ROLLER, Duane H. D., Norman, Okla.	BARNES, Percy, Wash., D.C.
GOLDMAN, Jack, Det. Mich.	BATEMAN, James, Wash., D.C.
GRAY, J. Lorne, Ontario, Canada	BAULS, Travis W., Havre De Grace, Md.
ABELSON, Philip H., Wash., D.C.	RABI, Isidor Isaac, NYC.
	Foster, John S., Jr., Wash., D.C.

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To: Secretary of State

Date: June 15, 1966

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☐ Undersigned's signature.

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

Mrs. Margaret G. Collins

To: The President
 From: Mrs. John K. Collins, Pres., The Mended Hearts, Inc., 721 Huntington Avenue,
 Date: 6/10/66 Boston, Massachusetts 02115
 Subject: Encloses copy of ltr recd fm heart patient in India requesting financial assistance to come to US for surgery by Dr. DeBakey who has accepted to undertake his operation without charge -- 32 yrs of age.

By direction of the President:

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Dr. DeBakey,

The President was looking through
some of his pictures today and thought
you might like to have the enclosed.

Juanita D. Roberts

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Sep 14, 1966

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Professor of Surgery
Baylor University
Houston, Texas

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Bill Moyers /my Reid

September 24, 1966

Dear Dr. DeBakey:

I deeply appreciate
your very kind and thoughtful
telegram. Your warm words of
condolence mean a great deal to
me at this time. My heartfelt
thanks.

Sincerely,

Bill Moyers

Michael E. DeBakey, M.D.
College of Medicine
Baylor University
Houston, Texas

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Douglass Cater

March 1966 / N. Y.

March 29, 1966

Dear Mr. Baer:

At any occasion to honor Dr. DeBakey I am
enthusiastically present in spirit.

I only regret that previous commitments
make it impossible for my wife and me to
join you in the flesh.

No one can be guilty of exaggeration in praising
Mike DeBakey.

Sincerely yours,

Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
to the President

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Mr. Albert Baer
X Imperial Knife Associated
1776 Broadway
New York 19, New York

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Baylor University College of Medicine

Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025

Cora and Webb Mading
Department of Surgery

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June 8, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

I am enclosing copies of two editorials by Dr. Page for your interest and information, since they may not have come to your attention. Like others who know him well, I am not inclined to take him too seriously. He suffers from a common syndrome that affects certain individuals following retirement, namely, the delusion that this brings with it wisdom.

In light of our conference on bio-engineering, I thought you might like to see a copy of an address I presented recently at the Twenty-First Annual Dinner of the Board of Trustees of the Midwest Research Institute. They were kind enough to give me their Annual Citation. I was especially delighted to receive this citation after learning that Secretary Gardner had been the last recipient.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mk

Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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March 10, 1966

Dear Mike:

Carleton B.
Thank you for sending along the letter from Dr. Chapman. As you may know, the International Health bill has passed its first hurdle in the House.

You have made the Chapmans very, very happy. Libby and I are praying that his operation is a success. He couldn't be in better hands.

I leave Saturday for Vietnam. Hope to see you when I get back.

Best regards,

Douglass Cater

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Baylor University
College of Medicine
Houston, Texas

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Southwestern Medical School.*

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Michael C. De Bakery

Research and scientific inquiry in the biomedical fields of

endeavor constitute essential activities for the accumulation of new knowledge which provides the basis for advances in medicine and for elevation of the health standards of the people.

Performance of experiments scientifically devised and executed for specific purposes, both in animals and humans, constitutes an essential mechanism of research for the development of new knowledge. Depending upon the nature and purpose of the experiment, either animals or humans may be utilized. Herein lies an important and indeed fundamental consideration in any legislation designed to control or regulate animal experimentation.

Such legislation should and must recognize this important and basic distinction and therefore be drawn in such a manner as not, by virtue of administrative and legal arrangements, to place a higher sense of values on animal welfare than on human welfare. Guidelines developed by the National Advisory Health Council for discharging ethical and moral responsibility to the human being used in medical research have been established. These guidelines have been well accepted by the biomedical scientific community not only because they constitute a condition for federal support of research but also because the seat of responsibility for their discharge resides within the organizational framework of the institution responsible for the research activities.

Legislation directed toward an improved national program of laboratory animal facilities and use for biomedical research is needed as evidenced by a recent survey made by the National Research Council and

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February 7, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

The enclosed copy of Helen Taussig's letter reflects so well the serious concern of the medical scientific community concerning the administration's position regarding animal care that I thought you should see it. Emotional reactions are being inflamed by a number of recent publications as exemplified by the February 4, 1966, article in Life and in the February issue of Pageant Magazine. As I have already indicated, this matter deserves the most thoughtful and deliberate study of the problem.

Do you think it would be desirable to hold a special one-day meeting of knowledgeable, distinguished scientists for this purpose?

My best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mike
Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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P.S. I will be at the N.I.H. in Bethesda
on Thurs (2/10/66) & will call you. m.

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Douglass Cater

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January 4, 1966

Dear Mike:

Each morning I eat a licious Texas grapefruit
and bless the DeBakeys! It was a most welcome
Christmas gift.

Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Douglass Cater
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Dr. Michael E. DeBakey.
5323 Cherokee Street
Houston, Texas

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MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M.D.
5323 CHEROKEE STREET
HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 29, 1965

Mr. Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Douglass:

In accordance with our conversation yesterday
I am enclosing a copy of the letter I wrote to The
President.

Again let me thank you for the enjoyable luncheon
which was made so delightful by the presence of your
charming and gracious wife and her lovely sister.
Please assure her that I would be highly pleased to
address her group of ladies.

Every good wish.

Sincerely yours,



Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

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MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M.D.
X BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

February 18, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

I have received "A Report to the People on Health" with a note from the President requesting comments and suggestions.

First, let me say that it is an impressive document providing convincing evidence that this Administration espouses the principle that the Federal Government shares in the responsibility for promoting and assuring better health for all the people.

I believe that the key statement in the President's message on the back of the front cover is the following: "For the health of our people is, inescapably, the foundation for the fulfillment of all our aspirations. . . ." This truth should be self evident. It provides the basis for my own conviction that health is next only to defense in the order of priority. Indeed, health is so fundamental to our interests and endeavors that it may be considered an integral component of defense.

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CORA AND WEBB MADING DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

September 22, 1965

Mr. Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Michael C. DeBakey

Dear Douglass:

My recent trip to Buenos Aires was most enjoyable. As you may recall, the purpose of my trip was to receive the Orden del Libertador General San Martin, which is the highest civilian honor given by the Argentine Government, and which I am told must be specifically given by the President. The ceremony itself was most impressive with the elegant touch of the Old World traditions and with a presentation speech that made me feel both humble and proud.

The following day I had an audience with President Illia, who as you may know was a practicing physician. He was most generous with his time, and I spent about an hour and a half with him. I found him to be a kindly, compassionate, and warm individual who is obviously desirous of improving the lot of his people. Our main discussion was concerned with ways and means by which medicine could be used to further better international relationships. I was especially pleased that he recognized its great value for this purpose, and he finally indicated that he would appreciate my efforts to utilize the resources of our medical school and our medical center to help them in the development of their health services activities.

The following day our Ambassador, Mr. Martin, gave a luncheon in my honor at the Embassy. It was an elegant occasion

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June 2, 1965

Dear Mike:

Just a word to tell you how much I enjoyed the visit, the check-up and the dinner. It was well worth the agony of an overnight flight.

Give me a call when you get to Washington.

Best regards,

Douglass Cater

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Baylor University
College of Medicine
Houston, Texas

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March 22, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

The enclosed galley proof of the editorial which is to be published in "Postgraduate Medicine", along with my response, is being sent for your information and interest. I hope you will not think I am a little too sharp, but, frankly, I am getting a little impatient with such critics who are unable to grasp the objectives of the program.

My best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mike

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Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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May 4, 1965

Dear Mike:

I enjoyed watching you operate Sunday, it was a most successful program.

As you know, the National Medical Library matter was worked out in a way which I hope will be satisfactory to you. I have been in touch with Senator Hill and am hoping we can get some progress on the Medical Complex Legislation.

Let me know when you plan to come this way next.

Best regards,

(Signed),

Doug

Douglass Cater

Dr. Michael E. De Bakey
Baylor University
College of Medicine
Houston 25, Texas

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Houston, Texas 77025

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Department of Surgery

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July 21, 1966

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Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

Since the remarks made by Dr. Cooke, ^{Robert E.} may not have come to your attention, I thought you might be interested in seeing the enclosed report.

I just returned from California where we made a project site visit on their application for a Regional program for Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke. I was much impressed with their enthusiasm. This program is being widely accepted and the applications are now pouring in to N.I.H. This is most gratifying in light of the difficulties we had in selling the program initially.

All good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mike

Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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February 15, 1965

Dear Dr. De Bakey:

I was sorry to miss you the other day. Please let me know when you are next in town.

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Tried to call Dr. John Turner at the National Heart Institute but was told that he had returned to Houston. Do you have any other heart consultants to recommend?

Best regards,

Douglass Cater

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Dr. Michael E. De Bakey
Chairman
The President's Commission on
Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke
Rm. 5623, North H. E. W. Building
Washington, D. C.

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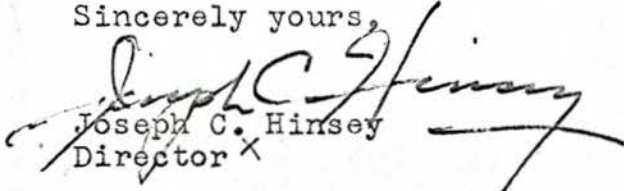
February 23, 1965

Mr. Douglass Carter
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Doctor Michael E. DeBakey has suggested that
we forward you copies of the enclosed correspondence.

Sincerely yours,


Joseph C. Hinsey
Director X

Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

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TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77025

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HOUSTON POST

HOUSTON 1, TEXAS, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1965

TMA Gets 3 Harris Proposals

By MIRIAM KASS
Post Medical Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The Texas Medical Association opposed Friday night a Harris County Medical Society resolution which would have had the effect of abolishing medical committees that check on whether hospital patients have received proper treatment.

The medical society also submitted a resolution stating that "we will not practice compulsory state medicine (medicare) and another resolution opposing the recommendations of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke.

The delegates approved the medical society's position on the commission report. No final action was taken on the Medicare resolution.

ALL THREE resolutions are intended to oppose addition of a "third party" to the doctor-patient relationship. The medical society considers any third-party arrangement a step towards socialized medicine and "deterioration of the quality of medical care."

Dr Max E. Johnson, president of the Texas Medical Association, said in an interview that "utilization" committees and "review" committees, both opposed in the resolutions, are required for hospital accreditation.

He said they include the "tissue committee," which determines whether any doctor is making a habit of performing unnecessary surgery.

ANOTHER committee that would presumably be opposed under the resolution is one which determines whether

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doctors are hospitalizing patients longer than necessary.

The same resolution also calls for opposition to "relative value scales." Dr Johnson explained that the scales are set by medical societies in some places to standardize relative costs for various procedures.

The medical society's opposition to the recommendations of the President's commission was based on the ideas that 1) the federally supported network of research and patient care centers would be competing with the physician in private practice, and 2) that, in the words of the resolution, the report calls for "increased federal grants for both academic and research programs and for construction of hospital facilities, all at the expense of the tax-paying public."

Each resolution also calls for its own introduction for approval at the annual meeting in June of the American Medical Association.

The convention in San Antonio has 250 delegates and about 3,000 people attending. On Saturday Dr David Wade of Austin will be installed as its 100th president. Dr Wade is the first psychiatrist in 50 years to head the organization.

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MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M. D.
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
HOUSTON 25, TEXAS

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GENERAL
PU2-J/B*

April 28, 1965

Mr. Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Douglass:

I am enclosing a copy of an editorial which
will appear in the June issue of our Cardiovascular
Research Center Bulletin and which I thought would
interest you.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mike x*
Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

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MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M. D.
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April 30, 1965

Mr. Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Douglass:

Enclosed are copies of recent newspaper articles resulting from the A.M.A.'s analysis of the Commission report. I thought you might like to have these for your own information.

Sincerely,

Mike x
Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

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American Medical Association

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February 24, 1965

X
Mr. Mike Gorman
1028 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Suite 1215
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

The following professors of surgery were here recently for the American Board of Surgery examinations, and during the meeting they asked me to discuss with them the President's Commission Report along with S. 596. They were extremely interested, and stated that they would like to use whatever influence they have with their Congressmen to support the program. For this reason, they asked that I arrange for them to receive copies of S. 596 and the companion House bill.

In addition, they would also like to help support the library bill, S. 597.

If you would be kind enough to have your secretary call the proper clerks in the House and Senate to mail out these bills, I would certainly appreciate it. The bills should be mailed to the following men:

Frank F. Allbritten, Jr., M.D.
Professor of Surgery & Chairman of the Dept. of Surgery
University of Kansas Medical Center
Kansas City 3, Kansas

Wiley F. Barker, M. D.
Department of Surgery
School of Medicine
The Center for the Health Sciences
Los Angeles, California 90024

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Michael E. DeBakey

Handwritten: Fred
The White House
Washington

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DOUGLASS CATER

THE WHITE HOUSE

I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF MY LETTER TO DR AMOS JOHNSON IN RESPONSE TO THE COPY OF HIS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT. I HAVE NOT SENT A COPY OF MY LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT BECAUSE I DO NOT WISH TO BOTHER HIM WITH THIS MATTER AND ALSO BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WISH TO HANDLE THIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR BEST JUDGMENT.

I BELIEVE THAT OUR MAIN PROBLEM IN GETTING OUR BILL THROUGH

Handwritten: American Academy of General Practice

the physician members of the commission. To make such a statement about physicians like Doctors Bellet, Farber, Hurst, Mayo, Meyer, Papper, Rusk, Sanger, Taussig and Wright, who are all highly experienced and well known practitioners of medicine would suggest that you have made no effort to obtain factual information about these people. In my own case, my personal cardiovascular surgical service has a bed capacity of over 125 beds and I perform an average of 35 to 40 operations upon seriously ill patients with cardiovascular diseases each week. I would challenge you to name a general practitioner who has more intensive or greater experience with "day-to-day problems of taking care of people who are sick."

You state that you "hasten to refute the implication that information on the latest advances in research and therapy is not being adequately disseminated to practicing physicians of the Nation." Such a statement would suggest that you are completely uninformed, that you are willing to disregard the well-known facts established by intensive studies that have been made and reported on this subject. In "A Report from the Joint Study Committee in Continuing Medical Education", for example, sponsored by your own American Academy of General Practice, the American Medical Association as well as a number of other national medical associations and published in the June, 1962 issue of the Journal of Medical Education Vol. 37 No. 6 the following statements are made in the General Summary:

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT, ATTN DOUGLASS CATER

THE WHITE HOUSE

HAVING NOW HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY CAREFULLY THE REPORT OF
THE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE ON HR 3140 AND
THE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPROVAL
OF THIS NEW VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL BILL. I HAVE ALSO CONSULTED
A NUMBER OF OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUALS AND HEALTH LEADERS
WHO STRONGLY SUPPORTED THIS LEGISLATION INCLUDING MEMBERS OF OUR

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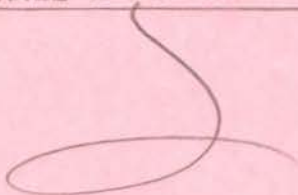
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COMMISSION AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.
ALL OF THEM HAVE GIVEN THEIR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED BILL. WHILE
THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES IN LANGUAGE AS WELL AS IN FUNDS
AUTHORIZED IN THE AMENDMED VERSION THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE
ORIGINAL BILL HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED. I BELIEVE THEREFORE IT
WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE SUBSTANTIVE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO
LAUNCH THIS NEW HEALTH PROGRAM. IN THE INTEREST OF EARLY
PASSAGE OF THIS BILL BY CONGRESS I HAVE URGED SENATOR LISTER
HILL TO ACCEPT THIS HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HR 3140 IF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES THE BILL IN THIS FORM. AS I

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TOLD CHAIRMAN HARRIS I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT TIME AND HISTORY
WILL PROVE THAT THIS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF
LEGISLATION IN THE HEALTH FIELD SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH

MICHAEL E DE BAKEY M D.



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August 9, 1965

X
The Honorable J. Arthur Younger
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Younger:

First let me say that I was deeply impressed with your sincere efforts to clarify certain questions during the recent hearing on H 3140.

For this reason and because I believe there is further need to clarify certain questions and arguments that have been purposely raised to oppose the Bill by representatives of the X American Medical Association and the X American Academy of General Practice (which incidentally controls the voice of the A.M.A.) I am sending the enclosed statement which I have prepared and which will be published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which I recently sent to Mr. Harris.

In regard to the argument that the shortage of doctors would be further aggravated by this legislation, let me say just that I find it curious indeed that the A.M.A. now uses this argument when they have argued so long that there is no shortage of doctors. It has not been too long ago that they published a long article in the J.A.M.A. using their own statistical analyses manipulated to demonstrate that there is no shortage of doctors.

Michael E. DeBakey

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS

CORA AND WEBB MADING DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

February 24, 1965

X
Maurice A. Schnitker, M.D.
Director Medicine
X St. Vincent's Hospital
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Dr. Schnitker:

Thank you for your letter of February 16, 1965, concerning your interest in your institution's being considered for a center as proposed in the President's Commission Report.

With submission of its report to the President, the responsibility of the Commission was terminated. As you may know, bills have been introduced in Congress to implement some of its recommendations. It would be a good idea to express your support of this program by writing your Congressmen.

If these bills are passed, the program will be administered through the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service; Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Washington, D. C. I would suggest, therefore, that you communicate further in this matter with the Surgeon General to whom I am forwarding your letter.

Sincerely yours,

X
Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

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bcc Mr. Steve Ackerman
Mr. Douglass Cater
Dr. Edward Dempsey
Mr. Mike Gorman
Dr. Luther L. Terry

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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
HOUSTON, TEXAS

CORA AND WEBB MADING DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

February 24, 1965

X
Richard D. Moore, M.D.
X Saint Francis Hospital
Department of Radiology
2260 Liliha Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

Dear Dr. Moore:

Thank you for your letter of February 17, 1965, concerning your interest in your institution's being considered for a center as proposed in the President's Commission Report.

With submission of its report to the President, the responsibility of the Commission was terminated. As you may know, bills have been introduced in Congress to implement some of its recommendations. It would be a good idea to express your support of this program by writing your Congressmen.

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Sincerely yours,

X
Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.

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bcc Mr. Steve Ackerman
Mr. Douglass Cater
Dr. Edward Dempsey
Mr. Mike Gorman
Dr. Luther L. Terry

EXECUTIVE

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November 19, 1965

Dear Mike:

I will keep on top of the Lasker Award
situation and try to work out an appropriate
time and place for the presentation.

You were a masterful Master of Ceremonies
yesterday.

Best regards,

Douglass Cater

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Baylor University College
of Medicine
Houston, Texas

AIRMAIL

October 25, 1965

Dear Dr. DeBakey:

The President is deeply honored to accept the Lasker Award.

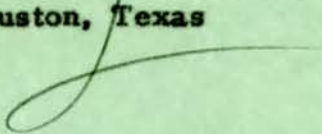
In doing so he feels that he really is receiving it on behalf of you and the other farsighted leaders of the medical and health professions who have helped make possible the progress we have made. Although he can't be with you to accept the award in person, his thoughts will be with you at the luncheon.

Best wishes to you, sir.

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Michael E. DeBakey, MD
Baylor University College
of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas



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* Baylor University College of Medicine Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025 Cora and Webb Mading
Department of Surgery

August 4, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

I am enclosing an editorial from the ^xMEDICAL TRIBUNE which you may not have seen and which illustrates the kind of problem I was discussing with you by telephone the other day. I believe that it is rather important that the President's message be made clear concerning the fact that he is not in any way de-emphasizing basic research. I will look forward to discussing this with you further next week.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mike

Michael E. ^xDe Bakey, M. D.

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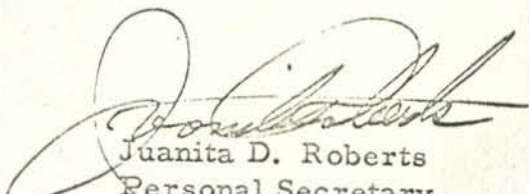
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Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Department of Surgery
College of Medicine
Baylor University
1200 Moursund Street
Houston, Texas 77025

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Dr. DeBakey,

The President was looking through
some of his pictures today and thought
you might like to have the enclosed.


Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

March 11, 1967

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July 22, 1965

Dear Dr. DeBakey:

The President thanks you very much for your telegram about the Lasker Award. He deeply appreciates the honor which you propose and the cordial invitation to accept the award at a luncheon in New York on November 18th or an earlier date if more convenient.

With the uncertainty of the demands in the months ahead, it is impossible to say right ~~now~~ what the prospects might be. We'll certainly keep it in mind, though, and take another look at the situation in early October and be in touch.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Michael E. DeBakey, MD
Baylor University College
of Medicine
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Houston, Texas

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GENERAL
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Cora and Webb Mading
Department of Surgery

October 24, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

As I promised you, I am sending you the reprints of my articles relating to the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Brief Interview with Indian Boy, 12:15 p.m.,
Thursday, 4 May

George Koshy, a 17-year old Indian from Kerala state, came to the U.S. with the aid of Detroit and New York clergymen for an operation on a rheumatic heart by Dr. X De Bakey. Happily, Dr. De Bakey has decided that no operation is necessary and that the boy can go home with a prescription for a normal life. He and his father are coming in "to thank the President of such a generous people."

The boy's father will be with him. He is a Communist turned Christian and regards his son's new lease on life as a miracle worked by the combined hand of God and the Americans.

The only purpose of the call is for them to say, "Thank you," and for you to express your personal interest in Indians as individuals. This will help project you as a man who cares about individuals even while grappling with Vietnam, huge budgets, Indian famine, The Great Society, etc. In response to their thanks, you might make these brief points:

-- Human need cuts across national boundaries. You are pleased that the help of individual Americans has made it possible for us to share our medical science with individual Indians such as he.

-- You rejoice with him if he returns to India with renewed hope for a full life. You would like him to take back to his friends the warm good wishes of his new friends here.

George Christian is arranging suitable publicity so your meeting will receive full play in India.

Walt Rostow



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY

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May 10, 1967

Mrs. Juanita Roberts
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

I will greatly appreciate your help in securing President Johnson's autograph on the enclosed photos.

The physicians represented are:

Dr. C. Walton Lillehei
Dr. Allan M. Goldman
Dr. Eliot Corday
Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Dr. Alfred Soffer

*With every good wish,
Lyndon B. Johnson*

A seventh copy of the photograph will be placed in the Archives of the College.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

William D. Nelligan

*To the American College of
Cardiology, With every
good wish, Lyndon B.
Johnson*

To - William D. Nelligan
Executive Director,

WDN:jjj

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EUGENE BRAUNWALD, M.D.
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ELIOT CORDAY, M.D.
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DONALD A. DUPLER, M.D.
IRVINE H. PAGE, M.D.
EDWARD PHILLIPS, M.D.

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SAMUEL M. FOX III, M.D.
RALPH E. KNUTTI, M.D.
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HERMAN K. HELLERSTEIN, M.D.
CHARLES A. HUFNAGEL, M.D.
WARREN J. TAYLOR, M.D.

June 8, 1967

Honorable Oscar ^A Chapman
xMethodist Hospital
Houston, Texas

Mike DeBakey tells us you have come through your operation with
flying colors. You remain in our hearts and in our prayers.

Libby and Doug Cater

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July 25, 1967

Dear Jim:

The President has seen your letter and, I suspect, will be talking to you about it next time he sees you.

Meanwhile, I will keep my eye on the situation you discussed.

It was great fun having you to dinner and at the fireworks. Hope to see you soon.

Best regards,

Douglass Cater

Dr. James C. Cain^x
* Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minnesota

P.S. You are over-generous in the description of my various offspring.

Dr. Jim Chanuse^x

Dr. Mike De Bakey^x

Dr. Joan Bennett, Jr.^x

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PURSUANT TO CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. JACK VALENTI AND MR. DOUGLASS CATER AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 21, 1965, I AM SENDING THEM COPIES OF THIS TELEGRAM.

SINCERELY

MICHAEL E DE BAKEY MD.

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

TOO WELL DO I RECOGNIZE THE TEMERITY OF MY ATTEMPTING TO INVADE YOUR THOUGHTS AT SO CRITICAL A POINT IN THE FRAMING OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET AND THE SEALING OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR. HOWEVER, INFORMATION WHICH MARY LASKER AND I HAVE OBTAINED CONCERNING POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS IN THE BUDGETS

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FOR THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT -- PROGRAMS UPON WHICH THE STABILITY OF RESEARCH, GRADUATE EDUCATION AND PROGRESS IN THE MEDICAL SCIENCES IN THIS COUNTRY IS NOW DEPENDENT - IS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN TO ME AND TO MY COLLEAGUES. THUS, DISTRESSED, I FEEL COMPELLED TO SET FORTH EVEN NOW THE NATURE OF THIS CONCERN, IF ONLY TO ASSURE MYSELF THAT THE IMPORTANT ISSUES WERE INVOLVED ARE CLEARLY BEFORE YOU AS YOU REACH THOSE CONCLUSIONS WHICH MUST BE MADE IN THE BEST NATIONAL INTEREST. CONCLUSIONS THE MAGNITUDE OF WHICH I FEEL SURE I NEED NOT EMPHASIZE,

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MR. PRESIDENT, I WILL FIRMLY SUPPORT, HOWEVER THEY MAY DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF MY CONCERN.

THE ADVANCEMENT OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, WHICH HAS EMERGED IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD AS ONE OF THE NATION'S TRULY GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS, IS NOW ALMOST WHOLLY CONTINGENT UPON THE SUPPORT OF GRADUATE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION THROUGH FEDERAL PROGRAMS. AMONG THESE PROGRAMS, THAT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH IS OF DOMINANT IMPORTANCE. MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF ALL RESEARCH IN THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS OF THIS NATION DERIVES FROM NIH EXPENDITURES, AND MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF ALL FEDERAL SUPPORT

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OF THE TOTAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY IN UNIVERSITIES PROPER COMES FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. THUS, THE FLOW OF FUNDS THROUGH NIH PROGRAMS PROFOUNDLY AFFECTS THE WHOLE OF ADVANCED TRAINING AND RESEARCH, AS WELL AS THE EXPANSION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES. ACCORDINGLY, MY GRAVE CONCERN IS THAT ACTION WHICH MAY CURTAIL SUPPORT OF THESE VITAL PROGRAMS MAY HAVE A SERIOUS REGRESSIVE EFFECT UPON OUR NATIONAL PROGRESS IN MEDICINE. INDEED, I SUBMIT THAT SUCH ACTION CAN FORESTALL THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HEALTH OF THE NATION, THE PROSPECTS FOR WHICH ARE NOW SO BRIGHT BECAUSE OF YOUR GREAT LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA.

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THESE CONSEQUENCES APPEAR INEVITABLE BECAUSE SIMPLY NO OTHER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO SUSTAIN PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS SHOULD FEDERAL SUPPORT DIMINISH.

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PURSUANT TO CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. JACK VALENTI AND MR. DOUGLASS CATER AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON DECEMBER 21, 1965, I AM SENDING THEM COPIES OF THIS TELEGRAM. SINCERELY

MICHAEL E DE BAKEY MD.

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The White House
Washington

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JACK VALENTI, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE PRESIDENT

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

TOO WELL DO I RECOGNIZE THE TEMERITY OF MY ATTEMPTING TO INVAD E YOUR THOUGHTS AT SO CRITICAL A POINT IN THE FRAMING OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET AND THE SEALING OF YOUR PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR. HOWEVER, INFORMATION WHICH MARK LASTER AND

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March 4, 1966

TO: HONORABLE WILBUR COHEN
FROM: DOUGLASS CATER

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Mike DeBakey has sent me the enclosed "scheme" of the Harris County Medical Society to make a farce of Medicare. He suggests that the Medicare Advisory Council ought to move promptly to deal with this sort of evasion before it spreads. He points out that physicians ought to be warned that the shortest route to socialized medicine is this kind of irresponsible behavior. X

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Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025

Cora and Webb Mading
Department of Surgery

February 3, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

As you may observe from the enclosed newspaper clippings, we were able to get a good response to the President's health message. I am hopeful that we will get this same response elsewhere.

My best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mike

Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable F. Robert Meier
Assistant to the Secretary
Department of Health, Education, & Welfare

Date: October 10, 1967

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☒ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☒ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President
From: Mr. Jonathan Walker University of Colorado
Date: 10/2/67
Subject: Adverse criticism of Dr. Michael DeBakey as a candidate for the position Director of NIH.

By direction of the President:

Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant to
John W. Macy, Jr.

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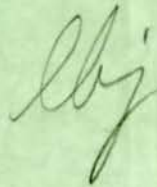
February 9, 1967

Dear Dr. DeBakey:

I was delighted to learn from Mary Lasker that you have chosen the Johnson Library in Austin to house the DeBakey Papers, and I want you to know how much I appreciate this great gift.

At my direction, Robert Bahmer, the U.S. Archivist, will be in touch with you soon to work out details. Meanwhile, please accept my warmest thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Baylor University College of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025

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Straight wire - Nov. 9, 1967

NIGHTLETTER - NOVEMBER 8, 1967

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Honorable Claude Pepper
Member, United States House of Representatives
c/o Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Chairman
*Albert Lasker Public Service Awards
St. Regis Hotel
New York, New York

I was delighted to learn that you have been selected to receive the Albert Lasker Public Service Award. It is richly deserved. No one in public life has worked longer or more fruitfully on behalf of legislation to improve the health and well-being of Americans than you. From Franklin Roosevelt's time until today, you have been the staunch supporter of virtually every proposal designed to assist our medical profession and improve our national health.

Please accept my warm congratulations on receiving this very deserved and fitting award.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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cc: Juanita Roberts/ Will Sparks/ Loyd Hackler/ Jean Lewis/ Barefoot Sanders/ M. Hooper/ C.F.

cc: Cong. Claude Pepper

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December 23, 1966

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

Dr. Baker, Michael E.

In accordance with our telephone conversation today, I am writing you about Mary Lasker's suggestions to the President about the Cancer Program at the N. I. H.

First, I believe her suggestion regarding "Task Forces" is excellent and would undoubtedly focus greater attention and effort upon certain specific cancer problems, such as cancer of the lung, prostate, breast, and cervix, in much the same way that this has been done for leukemia. She has also been concerned about the way in which the total cancer program is administered in terms of the role of the Advisory Council. This stems largely from the fact that contract projects are administered differently from research projects. Thus, while the Council has a primary role in the evaluation and approval or disapproval of research grant applications, it is not involved in this same way for contract projects. The monies, however, for these two forms of research activities come from the same source, and Mary's concern is that the Advisory Council is thus deprived of its role to evaluate the total cancer program.

Her reference to having all these activities under one person is, I believe, related not to the cancer program but to her concern about the eye. As you know, at the present time research activities directed toward disease of the eye are a part of the Neurological Institute. Mary believes - along with many others, including myself - that this problem is of sufficient importance to deserve a separate Institute. There are good reasons to believe that a separate Institute of Ophthalmology would provide a more vigorous and effective program of research in disease of the eye. I realize that one must be concerned about the proliferation of Institutes, but one must also recognize that ophthalmology is a highly specialized discipline which has gained departmental status in most medical schools and that Eye Institutes are being developed in many medical centers. Accordingly, I would join Mary in this excellent suggestion.

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July 7, 1967

Dear Mike:

I have read your revised text to the ASNE with interest and edification. It is splendid! I shall keep it on file for our own speech needs. I am particularly interested in the statistics you cite about cost effectiveness. I have asked Dr. Phil Lee to give me further materials in this area.

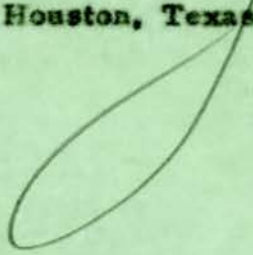
I have talked with Mary Chapman and she is once again singing your praises. Let's hope that Oscar doesn't develop further complications.

Let me know when you make another visit to Washington. Perhaps we can gather for a meal around my swimming pool.

Best regards,

Douglass Cater

Dr. Michael E. De Bakey
Baylor University College of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025



MEMO *from the Desk of...*

DR. M. E. DE BAKEY

For Mr. Cater Date 9/18/67

Douglass:

I thought you might be interested
in reading this message from the
U.S.I. A. in Belgrade.

Kindest regards.

Mike

Dr. Michael DE BaKEY

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*Copy of attached sent to
Oscar Chapman, this date,
per Mr. Cater 9/20/67/file*

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MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M.D.
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77025

April 20, 1966

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear President Johnson:

I was deeply touched by your warm and thoughtful note of congratulations on the occasion of the recent James F. Mitchell Foundation Award. The Mitchell Foundation Award Dinner was a truly memorable occasion, made even more so by your thoughtful note.

It was a most satisfying experience for me to serve as Chairman of your Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer, and Stroke. I now look forward to the fruition of the Commission's recommendations in the regional medical programs being developed to help conquer these three dread diseases.

May I express again my grateful appreciation for the high privilege accorded me in reading the citation for the richly deserved Lasker Award recently presented to you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael E. DeBakey
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January 9, 1967

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

This is just a short note to tell you again how much I enjoyed your presentation at the Lasker Awards ceremonies. I had the opportunity to see it in "The Reporter" recently, and I was again impressed with the thoughtful and readable statements that you made.

Looking forward to seeing you and Libby next week, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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January 6, 1968

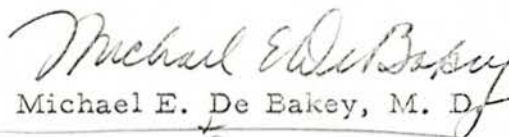
Mr. W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you so much for sending me a copy of the book, No Retreat From Tomorrow. I am indeed pleased to have this fine chronicle of the outstanding achievements of President Johnson's Administration during the past year.

Please convey to The President and Mrs. Johnson my deep gratitude and sincere best wishes for a healthful and happy new year.

Sincerely,


Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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EXECUTIVE

ND19/CO312

October 25, 1967

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter. I have taken the liberty of forwarding it to the President since it was so thoughtful and well expressed.

Best regards,

Douglass Cater

Dr. Michael E. De Bakey
Baylor University College of Medicine
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas 77025

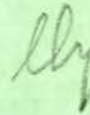
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March 11, 1968

Dear Mike:

Thank you so much for your telegram of support for my Health Message. I value your good opinion highly, and hope you will continue your valiant efforts on behalf of the health of our people.

Sincerely,



Dr. ^{*}Michael E. De Bakey
Baylor University College of Medicine
Houston, Texas 77025

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Original to
Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson

MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M.D.
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77025

April 16, 1968

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

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Mr. Joseph P. Lucia of Houston has informed me of his efforts to obtain a pardon for the two counts involving tax violations to which he pleaded guilty several years ago. I am, therefore, writing to you on his behalf.

Although my personal knowledge of Mr. Lucia is somewhat limited, I have known Mr. Lucia for quite a few years, and in all my dealings with him I have found him to be a man of integrity and honesty. Many of my friends, who have known Mr. Lucia more intimately than I and who have been more closely associated with him, have informed me that he is a trustworthy and honest person.

I have been informed that his family is highly respected in the community. His daughter is currently engaged in social work and his son is completing his studies at the University of Texas.

On the basis of my personal knowledge of Mr. Lucia and on the basis of information about him from persons whose judgment I respect and trust, I am glad to recommend your kind consideration in this case.

Sincerely yours,

Mike

Michael E. De Bakey, M. D.

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Question?

Did a copy go to Marvin for his info?
In cases like this, shouldn't there
be letters prepared for the Pres's
sig thanking the individual? Since
you got the calls ---- did you
dictate any such letters --- are you
planning to or are you depending on
Marvin's office to OR??????

rch 29, 1968

day - 9:15 p.m.

mjdr

In the last two days I've had calls from Mary Lasker, ^xMike
^xDeBakey and Florence Mahoney. Each one volunteered a
willingness to support you in any way that we may wish.
Dr. DeBakey said he would be glad to contribute money to a
newspaper ad whenever it seems best.

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MICHAEL E. DE BAKEY, M.D.
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77025

February 24, 1968

Mr. Douglass Cater
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Douglass:

In accordance with our recent telephone conversation, I am writing to express my concern that the reorganization of the health component of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare may not be included in the President's health message and my belief that there is some urgency to implement at least certain parts of the reorganization proposal.

As you know, this health services reorganization plan has been developed after more than a year of intense effort by the officials of H. E. W. and in close consultation with medical leaders in all parts of the country.

The major thrust of the reorganization plan is designed to bring about more effective delivery of health services to all of our people. In the two meetings which the President held with the Directors of the National Institutes of Health, he consistently emphasized the importance of taking the research discoveries developed by N.I.H. and its grantees from the laboratories and bringing them as quickly and as effectively as possible to the bedside of the suffering patient. The two major components of the proposed H. E. W. reorganization are specifically designed to do just this.

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The President

GENERAL

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Michael DeBakey
College of Medicine
Baylor University
Texas Medical Center
Houston, Texas

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May 13, 1968

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You are cordially invited to the swearing-in of Wilbur J. Cohen as Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare at the White House at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, May 16, in the east room. Please arrive at the northwest gate by 12:45 P.M. and present this telegram for admission. Also please confirm your attendance by return wire.

James R. Jones, Deputy Special Assistant to the President.

ANDERSON, Joseph, National Association of Social Workers, NYC
AXELROD, S.J., University of Michigan
BROWN, J. Douglas, Princeton University
DAVIS, Chas, Winnetka, Ill.
DAY, J. Edward, Kenwood, Md.
DEBAKEY, Michael, College of Medicine Baylor University
DECKER, Kennet, Berkeley, Calif.
FLEMING, Robben, University of Michigan
HABER, William, Ann Arbor, Mich.
HALL, Richard, Kensington, Md.
JUSTIS, Guy, American Public Welfare Association
LASKER, Albert, NYC
LESTER, Richard, Princeton University
MEIKLEJOHN, Helen, Berkeley, Calif.
NEWMAN, Jon, West Hartford, Conn.
PIORE, Emanuel, NYC
PITZELE, Mel, NYC
RASKIN, Abe, Times/N.Y.
RUBENSTEIN, Myron
RUBENSTEIN, Bertha, MPLS.
SCHOTTLAND, Charles, Brandeis University
SEGAL, Martin, NYC
SHAPIRO, Sam, Miami, Fla.
SHERMAN, Samuel, Mt. Zion Hospital
SOMERS, Herman, Princeton University
SORENSEN, Theodore, NYC
STAEBLER, Neil, Ann Arbor, Michigan
STEARNS, Dave, Newton Center, Mass.
VIVIAN, Weston, Ann Arbor, Mich.
WAGNER, Robert, NYC
WILBUR, Dwight, S Fran.
WILLIAMS, G. Mennen,
WINSTON, Sanford, Raleigh, N.Car.
WITTE, Florence, Madison, Wisconsin

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PPS/Johanson, Lady Bird



July 15, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR LIZ CARPENTER:

The President wanted you to have the attached which was presented to him today by Mrs. Mary Lasker, Dr. Michael DeBakey, Dr. Howard Rusk and Dr. Sidney Farber, Members of the National Health Education Committee.

This group met with the press following their appointment with the President today. The transcript of their conference is not ready, but you might check with Tom Johnson to get a copy of the transcript when it is available.

James R. Jones

Attachments

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Nothing else sent to
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The President

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dr. Michael DeBakey
College of Medicine
Baylor University
Houston, Texas 77025

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To Dr. Michael DeBakey
With best wishes,

[Signature]

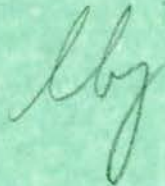
April 6, 1968

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Dear Mike:

I am heartfully grateful for your kind message. It strengthens my deep faith that Americans will come together in this critical hour, placing the cause of peace and freedom above any personal or partisan concern. This is the paramount interest that my own decision seeks to serve. I am proud to be encouraged by your confidence.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
College of Medicine
Baylor University
Houston, Texas 77025

LBJ:CMM:skl

Date	Name
8-31-67	John T. ...
August 31, 1967	

Dear Dr. De Sakey:

It was good of you to remember me on my birthday. Your message was yet another of those thoughtful gestures that continue to enrich our long friendship.

I am grateful to you for your generous words, and I send you my very warm regards.

Sincerely,

*
Dr. Michael E. De Sakey
5323 Cherokee
Houston, Texas 77005

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CC: Juanita Roberts, Will Sparks, Eliska Hasek, Bob Fleming,
Mary Hooper, CF

EXECUTIVE
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Name	Date
Tom McCay	9-19-67

Dear Mr. De Bevoise:

It was good of you to remember me on my birthday. Your message was yet another of those thoughtful gestures that continue to enrich our long friendship.

I am grateful to you for your generous words, and I send you my very warm regards.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Michael E. De Bevoise
3113 Cherokee
Houston, Texas 77005

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CC: Janette Roberts, Will Sparks, Elsie Hasek, Bob Fleming,
Mary Hooper, CP

November 21, 1966

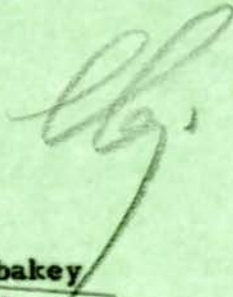
Dear Dr. Debakey:

It is wonderful to be home again and mending.

My doctors were magnificent, as were all the good people of Bethesda. All the family are so grateful again for the superb quality of American medicine.

We thank you for your part in working that great miracle, and for thinking of us at this time.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael E. Debakey
532 Cherokee Street
Houston, Texas 77005

LBJ:CMM:ejf

March 15, 1966

EXECUTIVE

MEB/J*

Dear Dr. DeBakey:

I am happy to express publicly my warm admiration for your work.

★
The James F. Mitchell Foundation could have chosen no worthier recipient for its Medical Research Award.

Your talent and your energy in this cause will live forever in the accomplishments which bear the DeBakey mark.

Your successful leadership in marshalling the resources of this nation to bring to all mankind the maximum benefits of medical research has justifiably earned you the world's acclaim.

Your efforts as Chairman of the President's Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke have advanced an endeavor to which I have long been deeply committed.

Your nation salutes you and your President commends you.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
Statler Hilton Hotel
Washington, D. C.

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CC: Mrs. Roberts, Miss Hasek, Cen. Files, Mr. Robert Fleming
Mr. James Moyers

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September 25, 1965

Dear Doctor De Bakey:

I, like you, am thrilled by White House dinners where men from all walks of life can find common objectives and common agreement in the forward direction of their country.

History is a dispassionate judge. But the hope resides in me that history will say of this Administration that it cared about the health and education of the people. History must also record that this Administration acted on its concern.

I am grateful to you for the selfless service you perform in behalf of your country.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Michael E. De Bakey, M.D.
5323 Cherokee Street
Houston, Texas

JV
LBJ: [initials]:mw

You are cordially invited to attend the 20th Anniversary Celebration of The
* National Heart Institute at the White House at 12:30 P.M., Thursday,
November 14, 1968. Please bring this telegram for admittance at 12:15 p.m.
at the Northwest Gate.

Wilbur J. Cohen, Sec., of the Department of Health, Education & Welfare.

WEISSBACH, Herbert, Rockville, Maryland
HALPERIN, Max, Reston, Virginia
MITCHELL, Sheila, Chevy Chase, Maryland
WHELDON, G. Donald, Bethesda, Maryland
DUNBAR, John B., Bethesda, Maryland
TUCKER, William B., Chevy Chase, Maryland
SEGGER, Richard L., Potomac, Maryland
CUMMINGS, Martin M., Rockville, Maryland
BURCH, George E., Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, La.
PAYNE, George L., Garrett Park, Maryland
HARVEY, Proctor, Georgetown Univ. Hospital, Washington, D. C.
ANDRUS, E. Cowles, John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland
MOSES, Campbell, American Heart Association, New York City, New York
ORLOFF, Jack, Rockville, Maryland
MATTINGLY, Thomas, Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D. C.
SEAL, John R., National Institute of Allergy & Infections Disease, Bethesda, Md.
FOX, Samuel, R. H. Henschel National Heart Institute, Bethesda, Maryland
LOWE, Charles, National Institute Child Health & Human Development, Bethesda, Md.
BERLIN, Nathaniel, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland
EBERHART, John C., National Institute Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland
ARBONA, Guillermo, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico
BERLINER, Robert W., National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Maryland
BRADLEY, Donald
BURDETTE, Walter J., M.D. Anderson Hos. Univ. of Texas, Houston, Texas
CHASE, John, Dept. of Medicine & Surgery, VA. Washington, D. C.
COHEN, Wilbur J. Sec of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C.
COMROE, Julius H., Cardiovascular Research Institute, Univ. of California,
San Francisco, California
COOPER, Theodore, National Heart Inst., National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD
DeBAKEY, Michael E., Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, Texas
DIXON, Margaret, Morning Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
EBERT, Richard V., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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The President

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D C.

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Dr. Michael E. DeBakey
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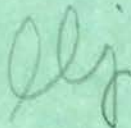
August 29, 1968

Dear Mike:

As the years go by, it is heartening to have close and loyal friends like you.

Please accept all my thanks for your thoughtful birthday greeting, and for the reassurance of a confidence I cherish and hold dear.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael E. De Bakey
College of Medicine
Baylor University
Houston, Texas 77025

LBJ:WRS:EH:ltd

MAILED FROM

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JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS