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Mr. Charles S. Murphy
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The White House
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

I want to express my appreciation for the very pleasant meeting you were gracious enough to arrange for me last week. I enjoyed the opportunity of presenting to you the fruits of some of my thinking on the health program and I was delighted to find that you were receptive to some parts of my suggested program.

Now that the election is over I presume you will be giving some preliminary consideration to your legislative program for next year. I should like once again to remind you of the suggestion I made concerning the creation of a new commission by the President which would recommend to him legislation designed to supply the needs of the voluntary and governmental agencies in the field of health. Such a commission should be representative of all segments of the population and would, if directed properly, remove the issue of socialized medicine from the 1952 campaign. This may be too much to expect, but if the commission were appointed in the near future and some constructive suggestions could be made for implementation in the next year or so I am confident that much could be accomplished not only for the voluntary agencies but also for the health program in the administration.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of NEW YORK MEDICINE which is the official publication for the Medical Society of the County of New York. On pages 16 and 17 are statements by Messrs. Joe R. Hanley and Herbert H. Lehman which indicate the interest of the doctors in the opinions held by their congressional representatives as regards the field of health insurance. Please note Senator Lehman's statement since he spoke before our Association and I worked very closely with him in preparation of this text. I believe you will find it a very progressive and yet acceptable health program. You will note that he does not support the Murray-Wagner-Dingell Bill and for many reasons I believe that he is well advised in taking this stand.
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If I can be of assistance to you at any time in planning legislation in this field please do not hesitate to call upon me. I am anxious to see some progress made in the coming Congress since the record of supporting the voluntary agencies should be developed now rather than hastily contrived in 1952.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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