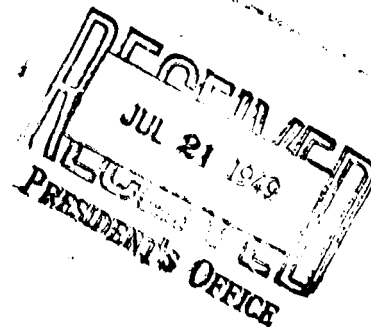


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The Honorable T. Hale Boggs, Louisiana
House of Representatives
Ways and Means Committee
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Hale:

I am very appreciative of the assistance which you have given me in determining the status of certain grants which we have requested from the Federal Government through the Public Health Service.

After talking with you a few days ago, we received word that we had been granted \$10,000 for Graduate teaching in Psychiatry under the National Institute of Mental Health's program. We had requested an amount of about \$80,000 for this Graduate program, since we had been led to believe by our discussions with the National Institute of Mental Health that there was great need for expansion of training programs in the South. The first year for which we requested assistance, 1948-1949, the Institute gave us nothing, since they said there were no funds available for new programs. They encouraged us, however, to reapply, and we, therefore, went ahead, expanding our Department very materially, planning to train some six or eight men in the field during the course of 1949-50 and thereafter. There are a good many schools in the country which have received rather large grants for Graduate training in Psychiatry, and, presumably, if one once gets on the list of the National Institute of Mental Health and actually has subsidy granted there is some possibility that in the future the grants may be increased. However, there is no assurance of this.

The University has obligated itself for a program in Psychiatry aggregating about \$60-65,000. We are getting this \$10,000 for Graduate teaching, and some time ago we were assured that we would have \$10,000 from the same source for Undergraduate teaching. However, realizing that these sources were indefinite, we made a special appeal to the Schlieder Foundation for support for our Psychiatric program, and we were able to obtain \$20,000 a year for three years each, which, of course, is extremely helpful, but this still leaves us with a considerable deficit, and we can not do the job we had planned to do because of the size of the grant which we received from the National Institute of Mental Health.

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I do not want to sound unappreciative, but I do believe that the South has not received adequate support. This is only an assumption and I believe it would be a good idea-if you would care to do it-to determine just what the distribution of funds is from the National Institute of Mental Health for teaching in Graduate and Undergraduate programs throughout the medical schools in the country. The South, probably more than any other part of the country, needs training programs because there is a dearth of trained Psychiatrists in this area.

In the fields of cancer teaching and teaching in heart disease we have received support which has been very helpful from the respective National Institutes of the Public Health Service, and we have, by and large, received rather generous grants from the Research Grant Division of the Public Health Service, but the one field in which we need help so badly we have been unable to persuade the National Institute of Mental Health to give us the support we need to develop a good sound program.

I would also appreciate your attempting to find out what the status is of certain bills in the two Houses which have been drawn up to support medical education in general, and, also, to support Schools of Public Health. Up to the present time I have been unable to determine whether they have been favorably considered by the Congress or not, and although we have not made definite plans to receive aid from these bills, obviously, we would like to know whether there is any possibility of expecting aid in the future from the Congress for medical education, in general, and for Public Health training.

Knowing you are interested in giving Tulane University any support you can, I do appreciate your assisting me in the matters which I have mentioned.

Looking forward to seeing your family and you either in Washington or in New Orleans some time within the next few weeks, I am

Sincerely yours,


M. E. Lapham, M.D., Dean

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CC: ✓ President Rufus C. Harris
Dr. Allen Gregg