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Subject: ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT
OF FORMER ORAU MEDICAL DIVISION PATIENTS - OUR LETTER OF
OCTOBER 8, 1974

Dear Mr. Lenhard:

Our letter of October 8, 1974 reported to you our mutual decision to terminate hospital care of patients by the ORAU Medical Division in AEC facilities and outlined arrangements for continuing Oak Ridge Hospital care of those for whom ORAU had a continuing responsibility.

We are enclosing a copy of our letter of September 25, 1974 to the Oak Ridge Hospital of the Methodist Church and their reply dated October 16, 1974. You will note ORAU is committed to the Hospital to pay, on receipt of itemized invoices from the Hospital, those usual and customary charges determined by the Hospital to be uncollectible from patients admitted by ORAU physicians. Previous ORAU purchase orders with the Oak Ridge Hospital for dietary, laboratory, pharmacy and other hospital services have been terminated. A revised purchase order remains in effect with the Hospital covering the supply of steam needed to maintain operations in ORAU operated AEC facilities. These arrangements with the Oak Ridge Hospital for patients have operated effectively without problems and are expected to remain in effect through June 30, 1975 with possible renewal for a period of time thereafter.

You will note from the Oak Ridge Hospital's letter that Dr. Francis Goswitz and Dr. Helen Vodopick were approved by the Hospital's Medical Board for temporary privileges including the admittance of patients to the Hospital. We have been informed that these two physicians have been granted full privileges effective as of the date they enter private practice in Oak Ridge. Dr. Francis Goswitz has resigned from the ORAU Medical Division staff effective December 31, 1974 and has reported to us his commencement of private practice with the Oak Ridge Medical Clinic, P.C. in Oak Ridge effective January 1, 1975. We have been notified that Dr. Helen Vodopick will resign from the ORAU Medical Division effective January 31, 1975 and will commence private practice with the Oak Ridge Medical Clinic, P.C. effective February 1, 1975. In order that former ORAU Medical Division patients may

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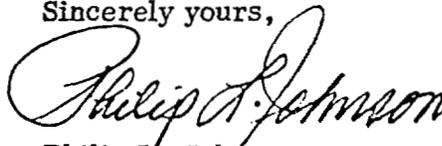
receive continuing care and hospitalization as required, we have, following discussions with your office, entered a letter agreement, dated December 27, 1974, with the Oak Ridge Medical Clinic, P.C., employers of Drs. Goswitz and Vodopick. A copy of this agreement is enclosed for your information.

My memorandum dated December 31, 1974 to ORAU medical staff Dr. Gould Andrews and Dr. Lowell Edwards provides policy and procedural guidelines for referral of former patients to the Oak Ridge Medical Clinic. A copy of this document and Dr. Edwards' letter of December 31, 1974 to Dr. Frank Goswitz with an attached list of referred patients is attached for your information.

We are pleased to report that a recent review of individuals terminated by ORAU as a result of the closing of the clinical inpatient facilities on October 18, 1974 indicates that only two of the 29 persons terminated are still seeking employment. All others have either found employment or chose, for various reasons such as early retirement, disability, or return to school, not to seek employment at this time.

We believe the foregoing with the enclosures constitute the most reasonable response to the closing of the ORAU hospital as well as providing for continuing responsibility to former patients.

Sincerely yours,



Philip L. Johnson
Executive Director

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