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July 28, 1958

Mr. Sumner G. Whittier
 Administrator of Veterans Affairs
 Veterans Administration
 Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Whittier:

An exceptional opportunity for achieving the advantages of an active union between medicine and the basic sciences exists in the possibility of locating the proposed Veterans Administration Hospital in the environs of Berkeley. For this reason I invite you to consider a site close to, or even adjacent to, the Berkeley Campus which would offer advantages not readily realizable from the location of the Hospital at the proposed site in Martinez.

In my letter of July 17, 1956 to Mr. Higley I mentioned the several centers for medical science* in the Berkeley area which might appropriately enter into a rewarding association with the Veterans Hospital. It is our hope that requests for immediate construction will not preclude reconsidering the location of the site. If you or your representative would talk with some of our interested people, I would be glad to arrange such a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Clark Kerr

*The Donner Laboratory of Medical Research
 The California State Virus Laboratory
 The Radiation Laboratory
 The Virus Laboratory
 The Institute of Experimental Biology
 The Institute of Child Welfare
 The Departments of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Bacteriology,
 Physiology, Psychology, Zoology, Chemistry and Physics
 The School of Public Health
 The California State Department of Health
 The Institute of Social Welfare

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ADVANTAGES TO THE BERKELEY CAMPUS

1. A medical resource is provided without additional financial cost.
2. Medicine currently needs to integrate with all fields of knowledge. The most active fields in terms of likely gain are:
 - a. Physiology, biochemistry, nutrition, and metabolism.
 - b. Chemistry, physics, and biophysics.
 - c. Biometrics, epidemiology, and statistics.
 - d. Genetics and general biology.
 - e. Micro-biology, bacteriology, and virology.
3. Organized research agencies that would benefit include, among others:
 - a. Donner Laboratory
 - b. Institute of Human Development
 - c. Virus Laboratory
 - d. School of Public Health
 - e. School of Social Welfare
 - f. Institute of Industrial Relations
 - g. Institute of Engineering Research (Amputee Research Project)
4. Graduate programs in medical research exist throughout the campus, largely centered in the above mentioned organizations. With the cooperation of a clinical facility nearby, this effort would grow and could even now be recognized as a school of postgraduate medicine. This campus is, in fact, one of the most advanced centers of medical research in the world.
5. The Berkeley campus now has the basic attributes needed for teaching medicine -- except for clinical facilities. Should such a step be desired in the University of California program, a medical school could be formed from talent now in situ. The unfolding of teaching and research in medicine on the Berkeley campus may continue to emphasize preventive medicine. This is the direction we are taking, judging from our past heritage of research on metabolism, nutrition, and degenerative disease, and our current investment of study on aging. There is reason

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to believe that applied medicine shortly will depend much more upon preventive measures, and there is no medical school oriented to true instruction needs in preventive medicine. This might then be our special contribution.

6. Research into human health problems, whether directed to:
 - a. prevention of disease,
 - b. study of chronic disease,
 - c. study of aging or
 - d. study of metabolism,

requires an organized consideration of large numbers of people who can be studied individually and classified into categories of health, age, sex, occupation, etc. Such approaches need hundreds and thousands of individuals, in order that subsequent follow-up and statistical studies can test critical issues concerning the culture of health. Such studies have not been made on a scale commensurate with the problems or our resources because of lack of organized approach to health problems, and the phenomenal costs of efforts solely directed to this purpose. Neither private medical facilities nor the resources of our medical center in San Francisco suffice for these needs, even though they offer important and unique advantages in research upon important medical problems. Veterans hospitals and Army or Navy hospitals can be a remarkable source of statistical laboratory information on health and metabolism.

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