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January 30, 1945

President Robert G. Sproul  
University of California  
Berkeley 4, California

My dear President Sproul:

Dr. Karl M. Bowman has just returned from his trip for the 8th Corps Command. Hence, I have taken up with him your request of January 13, 1945, regarding the proposed legislation for the Committee on Mental Health for the Youth Authority.

Dr. Bowman will be in Sacramento this week and will find out whether or not a bill was introduced in the Legislature. Dr. Bowman and I have come to some general agreement regarding matters of policy and, I hope to have Dr. Laurence Kolb, who is connected with the Youth Authority, here to discuss with us future plans in case the legislative bill is to have instrumentation at the present meeting of the Legislature.

Briefly the following ideas were discussed:

1. Concerning the penal colony for individuals over 18 years of age and of the "more dangerous sort", it would be highly inadvisable to have such an institution any where near the Medical Center.

2. Regarding the reception and diagnostic centers for Southern California for children under 18 years of age, it was thought that the Youth Authority might very well purchase a site adjacent to the Medical Center but not on the Medical School Campus. In such a case, it would be our intention to have affiliations through the various branches of the Medical School which would be concerned, the Langley Porter Clinic, and Legal Medicine. However, this would be strictly under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and should in no way parallel the Langley Porter Clinic, which houses the Division of Psychiatry of the Medical School.

There is much that we could find of use in relation to medical supervision but it should not be considered as an integral part of the Medical Center, nor that the University is responsible for its administration. The relation would be in the nature of a liaison of an affiliated group of the staff. It would, of course, be an excellent field for certain types of psychological and psychiatric investigation as well as a field for probable medical legal affairs. Pending consultation with Dr. Kolb, I will hope to have more information.

Sincerely yours,

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