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Dear Dr. Kinney:

At our forthcoming annual conference on physician's assistants to be held April 20 and 21, 1972, I am interested in inviting someone of significant political statute to be the guest speaker. It would seem timely in light of the '72 political campaigns to at least invite President Nixon who has been very vocal in supporting this concept in general and our program specifically. I feel that our chances for getting him would be enhanced in that that would be about the time for him to formulate a major health message that certainly will include physician's assistants. Needless to say, he would go a long way toward insuring the success of our conference.

If President Nixon were unable to speak at the conference, I would then like to invite one of the other presidential candidates all of whom happen to be equally supportive of this concept.

The reason I am writing to you is that I do not know what protocol I should follow prior to extending an invitation to political speakers of such renown. I will be deeply indebted if you could inform me of the protocol to be followed in this instance. If it would be of help for me to meet with you and discuss this in further detail, I would be happy to do so at your convenience.

With best wishes, as always, I remain

Sincerely yours, Polent Howard

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Plans Land Duke University Medical Center PHYSICIAN'S ASSOCIATE PROGRAM February 2, 1972 P. O. BOX CHS 2914 Dr. Thomas D. Kinney Director of Medical Education P.O. Box 3712 Duke University Medical Center Dear Dr. Kinney: I have given considerable thought to the invitation of a guest speaker for our forthcoming Fourth Annual Duke Conference on Physician's Assistants to be held here in Durham on April 20th and 21st. Dr. Estes and I have discussed the pros and cons regarding each of these people and if you so desire, I will be more than happy to discuss them with you. For the sake of brevity, however, I will not review the issues in this letter. The names I would like to submit are: 1. Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird 2. Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Dr. DuVall 3. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Mr. Richardson 4. Director of the Bureau of Health Manpower Education, Dr. Endicott 5. Director of the Regional Medical Program, Dr. Marguilies The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Dr. Wilbur The Commentator from NBC News, Mr. David Brinkley Because I am already somewhat behind in my schedule, I would be most appreciative if you would provide me with your views on these people at your earliest convenience. With sincere appreciation for your continued support, I remain Sincerely yours, D. Robert Howard, M.D. Director DRH: jah