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LBJ to RMP

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[Even at his peak, LBJ was more general than H. Dis., CA, or D. S.]

II Strengthening the Nation's Health Facilities + Services

A. Multi-purpose Regional Medical Complexes

... should:

- be regional in scope
- provide services for a variety of diseases - heart disease, cancer, stroke, and other major diseases
- ...
- permit clinical trial of advanced techniques + drugs.
- ...

Medical complexes ... represent a new kind of organization for providing coordinated teaching, research, and patient care. Action on this new approach, stemming from recommendations,

of the Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer + Stroke, will provide significant improvements in many fields of medicine.

I recommend legislation to authorize a 5 year program of project grants to develop multi-purpose regional medical complexes for an all out attack on heart disease, cancer, stroke, and other major diseases.