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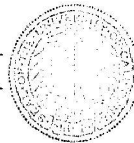
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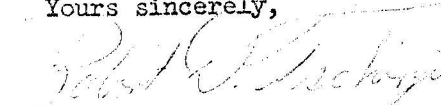
Dr. Michael E. De Bakey  
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Dear Dr. De Bakey:

Thank you very much for sending me the reprints of your articles on "The Future of Surgery" and "The Role of the Physician in Our Changing Society" as well as the splendid report of The Commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke. The scope and comprehension of this report are monumental and should profoundly influence the future course of medical education and practice in this country. I am personally in enthusiastic accord with all of your recommendations involving the medical schools and medical education. In fact, most of these recommendations will be utilized in a long range proposal for medical education in the University of California currently under development. For example, we suggest the coordination and integration of the health facilities in the communities surrounding our major metropolitan medical schools and we hope to introduce two-year programs at our smaller campuses which will feed students to these clinical centers. The University of California is uniquely situated to accomplish this program by virtue of its administrative unity. Although I know how completely your time is occupied, might it be possible for you to visit President Kerr and the Regents in California to discuss these matters further?

Thank you again for your courtesy in replying so promptly to my request.

Yours sincerely,

  
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University Dean of Academic Planning  
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cc: President Kerr