Honorable George Murphy United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murphy,

Thank you for your letter and the enclosure dated October 5th which reached me after some delay. I will be very much interested to see the appraisal by the Executive Committee mentioned in your letter and would, of course, wish to give you every cooperation in the planning of the "efficient, effective and economical health care system" to which you evidently give a deliberately high priority. It is obvious that the heat of an election campaign does not offer the most appropriate environment for the dispassionate study of such proposals; whatever the outcome of the election, however, the postelection session of the Congress should not be overlooked as an interval during which to pursue such proposals.

Sincerely yours,

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