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Vice-President Hubert Humphrey  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hubert:

I wish to extend my congratulations to you upon the most impressive fashion in which your election was won in November.

I send you this letter because I believe it is possible it might be of some help during present consideration of legislation involving health care in the United States.

I spent a year in Stockholm, Sweden, in 1960 and 1961 on a sabbatical leave. I studied the health care plans of the Swedish government with great interest and through the eyes of a full-time academician who, I believe, looks at the problems in a dispassionate fashion.

I am hopeful that the enclosed reprint, which is an objective description of the Swedish system as I saw it, may be of some help in guiding our steps in the United States. This study was also subsequently published in installments in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

My best wishes go to you. Please let me know if I might be of help.

Respectfully yours,

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