

United States Public Health Service Hospital
Lexington, Kentucky

PERSONAL

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Walter L. Treadway,
Assistant Surgeon General,
U. S. Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Treadway:

I have your letter concerning the taking of finger-prints of voluntary patients admitted to this institution, and I am in agreement with the representatives of the General Counsel's office. We had been thinking of this matter for a long time before the Bureau of Investigation made the suggestion that we send these finger-prints to them. After this matter was cleared up, I gave orders that the taking of finger-prints of voluntary patients should stop immediately, and this has been done. If, after you come here, you decide it would be desirable to take a print of the index finger, as suggested in your letter, I believe that this would be alright provided this print was put on the clinical history and not on the regular finger-print card where it might at some time be available to law enforcement officers.

I will see that your household goods are put in a place where they will be readily available when you arrive.

I look forward to seeing you in Frisco.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Kolb,
Medical Director,
Medical Officer in Charge.

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