REMARKS RE: A NATIONAL HEALTH MUSEUM

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(Talking Points)

* Health care is gaining more attention and more resources than ever before: Now comprises 11 percent of annual GNP.

* Makes sense for government to have a convenient museum/visitors center devoted to factual, historical information about health care. Important that the proposed facility be a visitors center as well as a museum, meaning that it could serve as a focal point for inquiries about special health facilities, service, and agencies in the Metropolitan Washington Area.
Because this is a world-class city, the museum/visitors center should be a world-class institution. Big mistake if it focuses only on American medicine, to the exclusion of pre-Columbian roots, etc. One aspect of this could be a museum-sponsored international health lectureship open to (English-speaking) health scholars from every country.

Should also be an interactive facility, so that such things as "quickie" health checks, quizzes, and health prevention information can be easily and effectively handled.

Good luck and thank you.

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