The President's Commission on
Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke
U. S. Public Health Service
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Michael E. DeBakey, M. D.

Dear Doctor DeBakey:

In the publication of "This Month in Washington" (No. 88, January 1965) published by the American Hospital Association, there is mentioned the role of the community hospital in diagnosis and treatment stations to be established in the nation.

Stevens Memorial Hospital is located in the Northwest corner of the United States and serves a population of approximately 80,000 people. It is a District Hospital which derives a portion of its operating revenue from a small local tax levy. The hospital has been in operation for one year and is beginning to become the hub of the medical work in this community.

I would like to gather information concerning the pilot projects in community hospitals throughout the nation. I feel that only in this way can we really serve the community in which we are located.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jon D. Smiley
Administrator

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