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Honorable Lyndon Johnson
U. S. Senator,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lyndon:

Several days ago, I asked Dr. Phil R. Russell to call you or write you regarding the matter of a possible appointment with President Truman in connection with important matters concerning the Osteopathic Profession.

I do not know whether you know that I am a great believer in osteopathy and feel if it had not been for Dr. Phil Russell's mother, who was one of the outstanding Osteopaths, and his brother, Dr. Roy Russell, (the three of whom have been treating me continuously for about thirty-five years) I would not be alive today.

President Truman is really friendly towards the Osteopathic Profession and could be beneficial to them. In other words, Dr. Phil Russell who telephoned you is one of the best posted men in the Osteopathic Profession - having been president of the National Association, served on the Texas Medical Board for a number of years and is now State Secretary of the Association.

Several months ago, I arranged for a meeting between Secretary of the Army, Frank Pace, Jr., and Dr. Phil Russell and their Washington representative, at which time they discussed with Secretary Pace the discrimination prevailing on the part of the Surgeon General's Department against the Osteopaths. Secretary Pace told Dr. Russell if they could prove to him they had been discriminated against he would rectify it. Of course, the Secretary did not know what a brace game he was up against. Dr. Russell only had three or four minutes with the Secretary who passed the matter along to Fred Korth and Fred made an appointment with the Surgeon General, who merely passed out the same old "baloney" always given out. As a matter of fact one of the Surgeon Generals previously had told Dr. Russell that so long as he was Surgeon General of the Army no matter what the law said they would not commission an Osteopath. In other words, he would rather let the soldiers suffer or die for lack of attention rather than to offend the American Medical Association which has a stronger combination than Al Capone ever possessed.

I could go on indefinitely citing outrageous injustices made by the Surgeon General's Department, but it riles me up so to think of the un-American procedure that I hardly know where to hang up, so-to-speak, and I will not burden you further. Meanwhile, I hope you will be able to work out an appointment with the President if possible. I thought he might have a little more time now than he had in the past.

I presume the political pot is boiling fast and furiously. Meanwhile, Mr. Hough just left a memorandum on my desk stating that Dick Russell's "Meet the Press" would be on our program Sunday, April 6th, instead as previously advised you.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC:kd

Sunday I spelled
The agenda by the
letter so I am
Sending you the
copy. I had to
to agenda
Sorry
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