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AMON G. CARTER, PRESIDENT

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September 28, 1943.

General E. M. Watson,
Secretary to President Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear General:

Attached, herewith, I am writing you a letter and I hope if it is at all possible that you will arrange for the President to read this letter. It is about a matter in which I am very much concerned as I am a great believer in Osteopathy. In fact, I feel it is due to Osteopathy that I have the good fortune to still be among those present.

I have followed and watched the fight between the American Medical Association and the Osteopaths for many years. Frankly, the American Medical Association (Allopaths) is one of the biggest trusts in the world in direct violation, in most instances, of the Anti-Trust laws of the nation. The Allopaths' record in this respect would almost make the Standard Oil Company and Al Capone blush.

For example, I headed the drive to raise funds to build the new Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, after they had previously fallen down on their program. After raising several hundred thousand dollars, which enabled them to go ahead with the hospital, the Methodist Minister was generous enough to preach a sermon giving me credit for over thirty days hard work in putting the drive over. I was elected a director of the Hospital and on our first meeting of the Board I learned for the first time that even though T. B. Yarbrough, President of the First National Bank, had donated the lot on which the hospital was erected, that even though I had headed the drive and raised the money (both of us being strong believers in osteopathy and users of the profession regularly) we could not use the hospital unless we were entered by some Allopath doctor. Incidentally, the medical doctors (Allopaths) were the poorest pay in all of the subscriptions which were made. The hospital was supposed to have been built for the public and naturally Mr. Yarbrough and I could see no reason why that we, as citizens and taxpayers,

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should not be permitted to have our individual doctors care for our ails as long as they were authorized to practice osteopathy in the State of Texas. In other words, the State of Texas, through its State Medical Board (dominated by the Allopaths) gives the Osteopaths permission to practice his profession in the State. Then, the hospitals, who are exempt from taxation, deny the Osteopath permission to practice in the hospitals because the American Medical Association (Allopaths) will not approve of the hospital's operations if they give permission for the Osteopaths to practice in the hospital.

This is un-American, unpatriotic and outrageous and it burns me up to think that they can get away with murder in this respect.

Even though Congress passes a law the Medical authorities (Allopaths) have some way to go around it. If not, they simply disregard it. Therefore, I am especially interested in having the President read this letter, though it is long. Tell him that I have always responded to everything he asked for and this is a special favor that I am asking and after reading the letter, I hope he will find it justifiable to pass the word on to the proper authorities - see that they stop discriminating against the members of the Osteopathic Association.

No one has a greater admiration or respect for Admiral McIntire than I have and, as stated, I realize that he is up against a tough braced game when against the Medical Society (Allopaths).

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

J. G. Carey

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