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Dear Mr. Carter:

General Watson referred your letter of April 9, 1941 to me for consideration and reply. The President has also asked me to give him a memorandum on the letter prepared by Doctor Russell.

I want you to know that I have taken considerable time during these past months to see what could be done for the osteopathic physicians as far as our service is concerned. Doctor Swope has been in several times and I have also talked with the National officers. I suggested to them that they request the Navy to inspect their schools and teaching hospitals to see how the standards of their institutions compare with ours.

It is a very necessary thing in the Navy for all our doctors to be able to do surgery and they must have a very thorough understanding of tropical diseases. The reason for this is obvious as many of our doctors are sent to independent duty in the tropics where the health and life of the men depend solely on the efficiency of one physician.

Rear Admiral Harold W. Smith, of our Corps, who is outstanding in the profession is to go to Philadelphia in the very near future and will carry out a thorough investigation of the Osteopathic school in that city.

You may tell Doctor Russell that I am in close contact with Doctor Swope and we expect to exchange ideas very frankly and freely.

Very sincerely yours,

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