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JOSEPH L. EGAN, PRESIDENT

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Fort Worth, Texas
February 19, 1951.

Honorable Lyndon Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Please accept my personal thanks to you for the inclusion in S. 1 the amendments offered by the Osteopathic profession. (Paragraph).

Congress has repeatedly indicated in many bills that Osteopathic physicians are qualified and should be commissioned into the medical corps (stop). Failure of the Surgeon General and the medical staff to make use of these men resulted in specific legislation authorizing the President to appoint them as commissioned medical officers (stop). As yet he has failed to exercise this prerogative. In my estimation this has been solely due to the opposition and prejudice of the Surgeon General's department against any kind of medical help unless it has the approval of the American Medical Society. (Paragraph).

The shortage of doctors in the armed forces and the necessity for more physicians to care for military personnel makes it ridiculous to ignore qualified men (Paragraph).

If your committee would include a paragraph as follows: (Quote) It is the sense of this committee that the President shall exercise existing authority for appointment by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of graduates of reputable schools of osteopathy as commissioned medical officers in the armed services (unquote). I believe it would be a great incentive to the President to follow through on his authority.

Amon G. Carter

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