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February 5, 1969

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TO: Members of the Executive Staff of Duval Medical Center

Dear Fellow Member:

I am certain you will share with me the feeling that the Duval Medical Center faces a critical time in its existence. The potential for this institution to evolve into one of our finest medical centers seems very real to me. To fulfill this potential, we have many obstacles to overcome. The coordinated and cooperative efforts of the medical community and citizens of Jacksonville will someday make this a reality. I wish to assure you of my willingness to exert every effort on behalf of this institution for the coming year. I will expect and sincerely hope for a similar effort from each of you.

I would like to request the chairman of every department who does not now have an affiliate residency with Gainesville to explore the possibilities of this as soon as possible. I would appreciate each of you letting me know within the next two months the results of your inquiry and an estimate of the amount of time necessary to establish such a program.

I would like to request that each department head have a meeting with all of the members of his staff at the Duval Medical Center and request your colleagues at other hospitals to attend this meeting. At that time Mr. Wood will make available someone to explain the plans for the Duval Medical Center with particular emphasis on your own department. Now is the time to review these plans very carefully and make any necessary corrections. I would hope that this could be done by each department within the next month to six weeks. At such a meeting please request the members present to express their ideas about the Duval Medical Center. What relationship would they like DMC to have with other hospitals, and what relationship would the other hospitals like to have with DMC? What suggestions would they make as far as the JHEP Program is concerned? Following such a meeting I would appreciate each of you sending me a written report and your suggestions for the future of your department and the direction DMC should take.

Please offer your criticisms and suggestions at any time. Our next meeting will be on February 18 at 6:00. Dr. Sam Day and his committee will make concrete suggestions and be prepared to give us an up-to-date review of the Academic Enrichment Fund. Dr. Willis Keene's committee will offer recommendations for staff appointments. We have a great deal to accomplish during the coming year. I will try to keep the meetings as brief as possible, but I hope you will judge the success by the quality of accomplishments and not by the brevity of time. I shall look forward to your full cooperation, and I again wish to assure you of my willingness to do everything possible to aid in the fulfillment of the dream we all share for the future of the Duval Medical Center.

Sincerely yours,

G. Dekle Taylor, M. D.
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