

TREADWAY

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P.A. Surgeon W.L. Treadway,
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Bureau of Public Health Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Treadway:

In reference to your letter of October 8th. I notice with regret that Dr. Partington will not be sent to us and that Dr. Hatcher's arrival here will be somewhat delayed because of illness. We are very much in need of Medical Officers and I have written to the Bureau today asking for two in addition to Dr. Hatcher. The letter will no doubt come to your attention. These additional officers are imperatively necessary as our capacity will be increased to about 200 by November first. It is expected that on or about that date all the personnel will have moved away from the building, and the Medical force that we now have, even with the addition of Dr. Hatcher, could not adequately take care of the patients that it is presumed will then be sent us.

In connection with my request for additional officers I wish to say that it is possible that Dr. Benton may resign. This officer has occupied a room in the main building for about six weeks. The room, being located in the corridor with the other officers, could not be used for other purposes so I allowed him to use it. He does not like the idea of being compelled to move and said that he would resign. He has, however, been on the verge of resigning on two other occasions for reasons just as trivial. Dr. Benton's professional work has been good. It is doubtful whether or not in the present state of affairs we could get an officer who would take more interest

in or devote more time to his work. We do not wish to lose him unless he can be immediately replaced by some one just as capable. We are not inclined to make any concessions in the matter of furnishing him a room. You have an opinion of his personal qualifications which is probably not far from correct. I merely bring the matter up to call your attention to the need of additional officers so that we can guard against any acute shortage in the event that Dr. Benton should leave.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence Kolb,
Passed Assistant Surgeon
In Charge.