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Dear Henry:

I introduced for discussion at a staff meeting of the Holmes Hospital the proposition which came in your recent letter. The Dean has informed me that the Holmes Hospital facilities are available only to members of the Department of Medicine who, in the opinion of the head of the department, are indispensable to medical teaching. This board, then, is not willing to make the arrangements you wish. This, I think, does end the matter but I can do more to explain.

Doctor Ashe was taken back into the Holmes Hospital because he had been away and we are obliged to give back whatever any veteran gave up. Since the arrangement was made for Ashe we have found that facilities must be rationed and the method of rationing is on the arbitrary principle shown above. This has been discussed between the Dean and Doctor Kehoe, and I am sure Doctor Kehoe knows of it and agrees.

My suggestion is that you either keep your office where it is or ask the Kettering Laboratory to provide you an office in the new building. Certainly I should repeat the advice that I gave you unofficially, namely, that the Holmes Hospital is a lousy place to practice medicine, and if you can make a living elsewhere you had better do it.

Sincerely yours,

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