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Hon. James P. Davis, Director,  
Division of Territories and Island Possessions,  
United States Interior Department,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I had not intended writing you so soon again but I believe that today's developments make it desirable.

I received your letter with reference to the secretary today. I approached Mr. Coe about it and got just exactly nowhere. His contention is that I do not need a secretary, that I do not have enough work to keep one busy, that what is here is good enough, or that I can use the dictaphone. I have wanted to, could have and would have done many things which I could not or did not do so far because of this. Likewise, I want to, will be able to and shall do things in the future which I will not be able to do and probably shall not do without one. Mr. Coe knows that and this, and that has been and is his way of having or avoiding it. He stated that he would do nothing on that until he had been to Washington and then only if ordered to do so. "If that is what they want, it will have to be that way." Of course, he had to have Dr. Thompson present while we spoke. This led to other things, as for instance, your recent long letter to him. I requested that we talk privately, but he and Dr. Thompson decided that Dr. Thompson remain. Dr. Thompson left only when he was called away to attend to something toward the close of the interview.

Mr. Coe picked certain parts out of your letter which he wanted to read and talk about. He presented them in his way and wanted me to agree. I either could not agree or let it pass without comment. Regardless of how he might quote me, I want to be on record that it will probably not be correct. He has his ideas about what my job is and what I should or must do. Or rather what he thinks I ought to do and what he wants me to do. Of course, he has talked all this over with Dr. Thompson, and certainly Dr. Thompson agrees. Mr. Coe has not given up the idea that I should do all the psychiatric examinations and follow-up work. This would put us right back where we were, only worse. He tried to get me to agree to that. I did not do so except as I have outlined it to you. I believe that I have covered all the angles of this thoroughly in previous letters. He expects me to act as admitting clerk and some lower grade staff doctor. He does not seem to be able to get the idea out of his head that I do not work for him and that he cannot tell me what to do. Furthermore, he claims that only he is responsible for these patients. I have always thought that he and his intimates considered them their chattel. He does not want to and does not intend to hire any more doctors. He expects to get this out of me. He states that if he has to hire another doctor he will have to let the medical student go. I think that would be a good thing and should have happened long ago. He stated that he will, of course, hire more doctors if he is ordered to do so. I have come to the conclusion that the only way he will do anything is if he is ordered to do so. He talks about Dr.

Thompson making the policies. Maybe we should get rid of Dr. Thompson before he is even legally eligible and qualified to practice. If I am to do everything which he thinks I should do the way he thinks I should do it, I might as well work for him on Government pay, and he would not need anybody else. He stated that he absolutely would not consider a woman physician. He finally broached the subject of paying me extra for doing this work and particularly for covering for Dr. Thompson when he takes his vacation next summer. He stated that if I would agree it could either be done with or without additional consent from the Department. I told him that I would not have been interested in such a proposal at any time. I told him that I would not have compromised or obligated myself that way at any time or under any circumstances. I doubt if he will approach you about this. Furthermore, I do not think that you would approve.

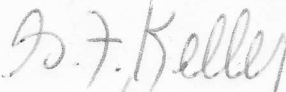
We have an extra medical student doing physical examinations this week and one doing urinalyses and blood counts.

You might be interested in a clipping from one of today's papers. I do not know how such things get into the papers, but I have my ideas. To correct it, the woman was already in the hospital when her husband was drowned. Mrs. Wood was so psychotic at the time that she wasn't even interested and remains so psychotic that she does not know if she has children or relatives and cares less. She will probably always have to remain here. Part of the rest of the story is more or less correct, but it all happened over a year ago and not altogether like it is stated. I know the exact details and they are all on record in her file, in fact, I played an active part and had a prominent role in making the plans and consumating the final arrangements.

I believe that this makes things current more or less and hope there will be no other developments before Mr. Coe gets off to Washington.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,



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