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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:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Mr. Coe which I received today. Mr. Coe's stenographer showed me a copy of his letter to you dated September 12, 1949 today.

I would like to comment on Mr. Coe's letter of September 12, 1949 to you.

Dr. Thompson's appointment might sound impressive to someone unfamiliar with those things, but in reality it does not mean much. Actually it means that he is allowed to come to the free clinic at the County Hospital on Thursday afternoons and help take care of some of the charity cases. He is attending the clinic in the hope of obtaining a little Board credit, of which he has very little if any and certainly will not be allowed any for time spent at Morningside. Board credit means at least five years of approved postgraduate training and experience.

During the war there were only two psychiatrists in Portland who had been connected with the Medical School who were not in the Armed Services. At that time Dr. Haskins managed to give a few lectures at the Medical School and a few demonstration clinics at Morningside. This was all discontinued when the regular men began returning from the service. The Veterans Administration now has five full time psychiatrists in this area and only one of those is on the faculty list as a clinical instructor. The rest are not on at all. There are no other full time Government psychiatrists on the faculty list.

I agree with Mr. Coe that a hospital has obligations to its patients, but I also believe that at Morningside one effective way to help meet these obligations would be to have more medical personnel. Dr. Cameron voiced the same opinion when he was here.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am

Respectfully yours,

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